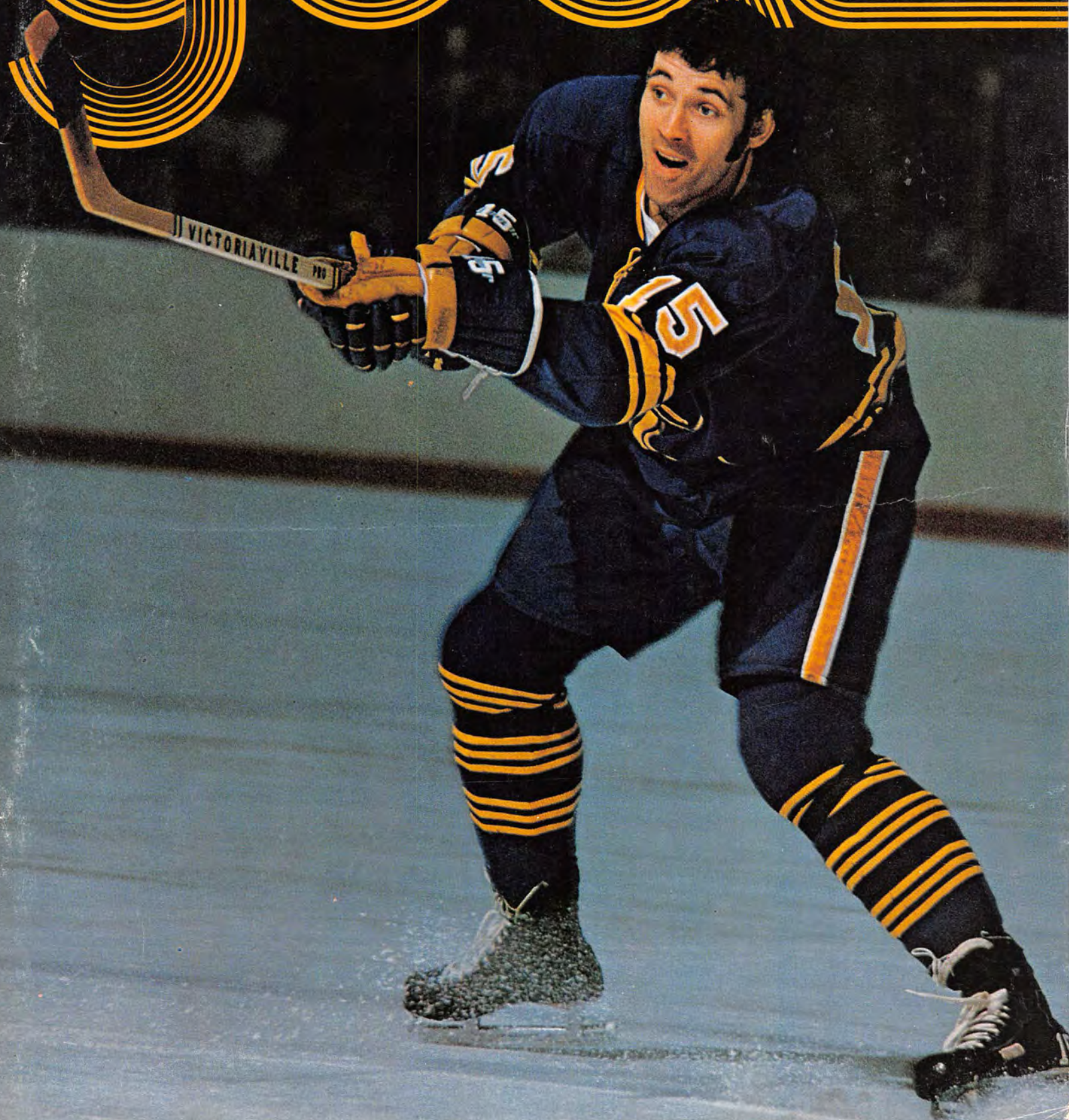


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# Roy Boe: One Step At A Time

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Just six short years ago, Roy was completely involved in the garment industry, with no sports connection whatsoever. Then he bought the Westchester Bulls, a farm club of the New York Giants, moving them after one year to Long Island.

Happy with his Long Island surroundings, and pleased with his initial experience in the world of sports ownership, Roy increased his participation by purchasing the New York Nets of the American Basketball Association. The rest, of course, is history. Under Roy's leadership, the Nets have made the playoffs four out of four years after fail-

ing to reach that level previously, and recently Roy pulled what might be the sports coup of the year when he signed Julius Erving to a long-term contract with the Nets.

When the opportunity came to move into hockey via the NHL expansion, Boe could hardly let it pass by. The signings of both first round drafts, Billy Harris and Denis Potvin, to long-term pacts with the Islanders, bodes well for the future of major league hockey on the Island.

Roy Boe has always been associated with winning teams both on and off the court—so to all the hockey fans in the metropolitan area, look out for the Islanders.



# Bill Torrey: Right On Schedule

At the end of their first season of play in the NHL, General Manager Bill Torrey was asked if he was still sticking to his original prediction of five years before the Islanders reach contender status. Once again he repeated, "You've got to take your lumps down the line, and we've certainly suffered more than most. But, based on the improvement we made through last season, I'd have to say we are right on the schedule we hoped for."

For two and a half seasons prior to his joining the Islanders, Torrey served as the Executive Vice President of the Oakland Seals, another NHL expansion team. The Seals qualified for the West Division playoffs in both his two full seasons, 1968-69 and 1969-70. The Seals, an original expansion team circa 1967-68, jumped from last place to second under Torrey's direction, then were fourth the next year, still making the playoffs.

Torrey has worked tirelessly since coming to the Islanders because he knows the challenge that is ahead for the youthful team, and to his credit he has not mortgaged the future of the club through the trading of his drafts, and has made some shrewd deals—bringing players such as Jean Potvin, Ralph Stewart, Bob Cook, Ernie Hicke and Bill MacMillan to the Islanders.

"It's going to take time to build the type of team necessary to compete with our other East Division rivals like Boston, New York and Montreal. But I've seen the tremendous growth of a team like Buffalo, and I know that it can be done," said Torrey. "I'm only hopeful that we can continue to receive the same fan support as last season because without you, our Islander fans, there can be no team."



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**C.**

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**E.**

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**F.**

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# Al Arbour: Some Records Aren't Meant To Be Broken

Forty year old Al Arbour, whose playing and coaching career has spanned twenty years in the NHL, has been selected by General Manager Bill Torrey to coach the young Islanders for the next three years.

Al's coaching career started with the St. Louis Blues during the 1970-71 season when he guided the team through the first 50 games of the season posting a 21-15-14 record before un-retiring as a player to finish the year. Beginning with his final retirement as a player in the 1971-72 season, Al was named Assistant General Manager of the Blues, but he was called back behind the bench on Christmas Day of 1971 to replace Bill McCreary. The "new" coach guided the last place Blues to the second best record in their division, and to third place in the final West Division standings. The Blues were finally eliminated in the semi-finals of the

Stanley Cup playoffs by the eventual champions, The Boston Bruins.

Arbour's playing career in professional hockey started in 1952-53 with Edmonton of the Western Hockey league. One year later, he was called up to the parent Detroit Red Wings commencing on a 19 season span which would see him wear the uniforms of the Detroit Red Wings, Chicago Black Hawks, Toronto Maple Leafs and the St. Louis Blues. In those 19 seasons as a player in pro hockey, Al's teams have never missed the playoffs, nor has his team ever done so with him in an executive capacity. "It will be a tremendous challenge to mold this team into a Stanley Cup contender, but my teams have never missed the playoffs before, and I am not looking forward to breaking my record now. If we don't make the playoffs this year, watch out for the Islanders in '74."



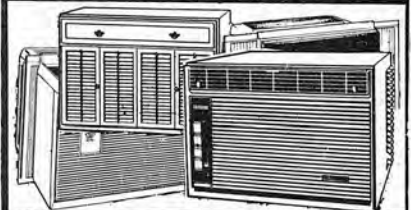
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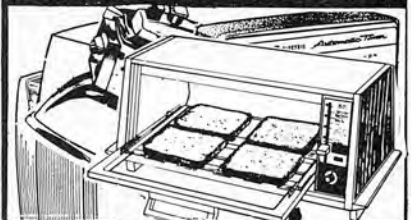
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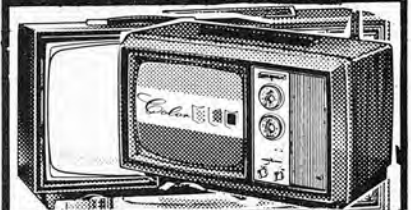
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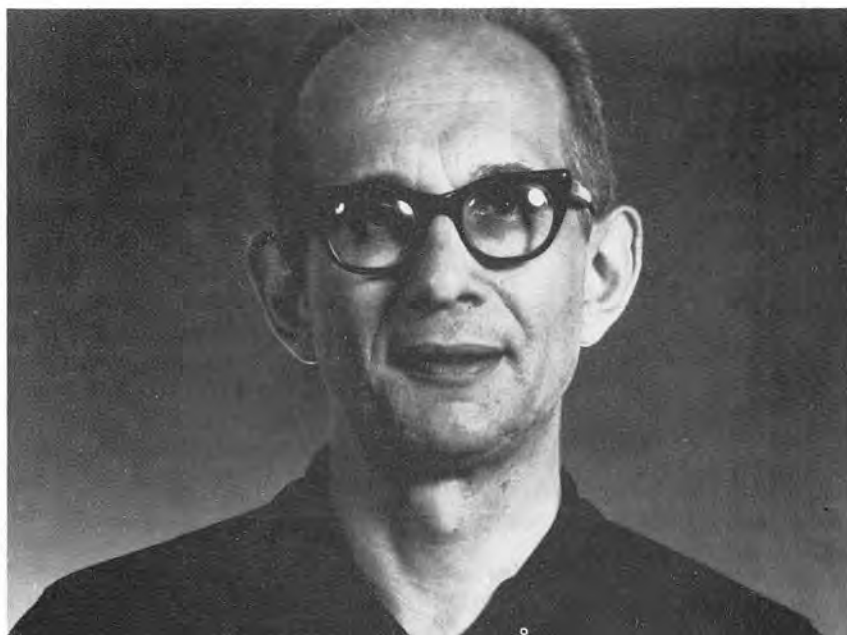
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# Nick Garen and Milt Papps: N.Y. Islanders' Trainers

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Milt comes to the Islanders with a long background in hockey and an extensive

knowledge of the hockey equipment business. Milt will be primarily responsible for the Islanders daily equipment requirements. Milt is a resident of Hicksville, Long Island where he lives with his wife Theodora, and his three daughters. For Nick, who resides in the Bronx, last year was a homecoming after 23 previous seasons with the Chicago Black Hawks.



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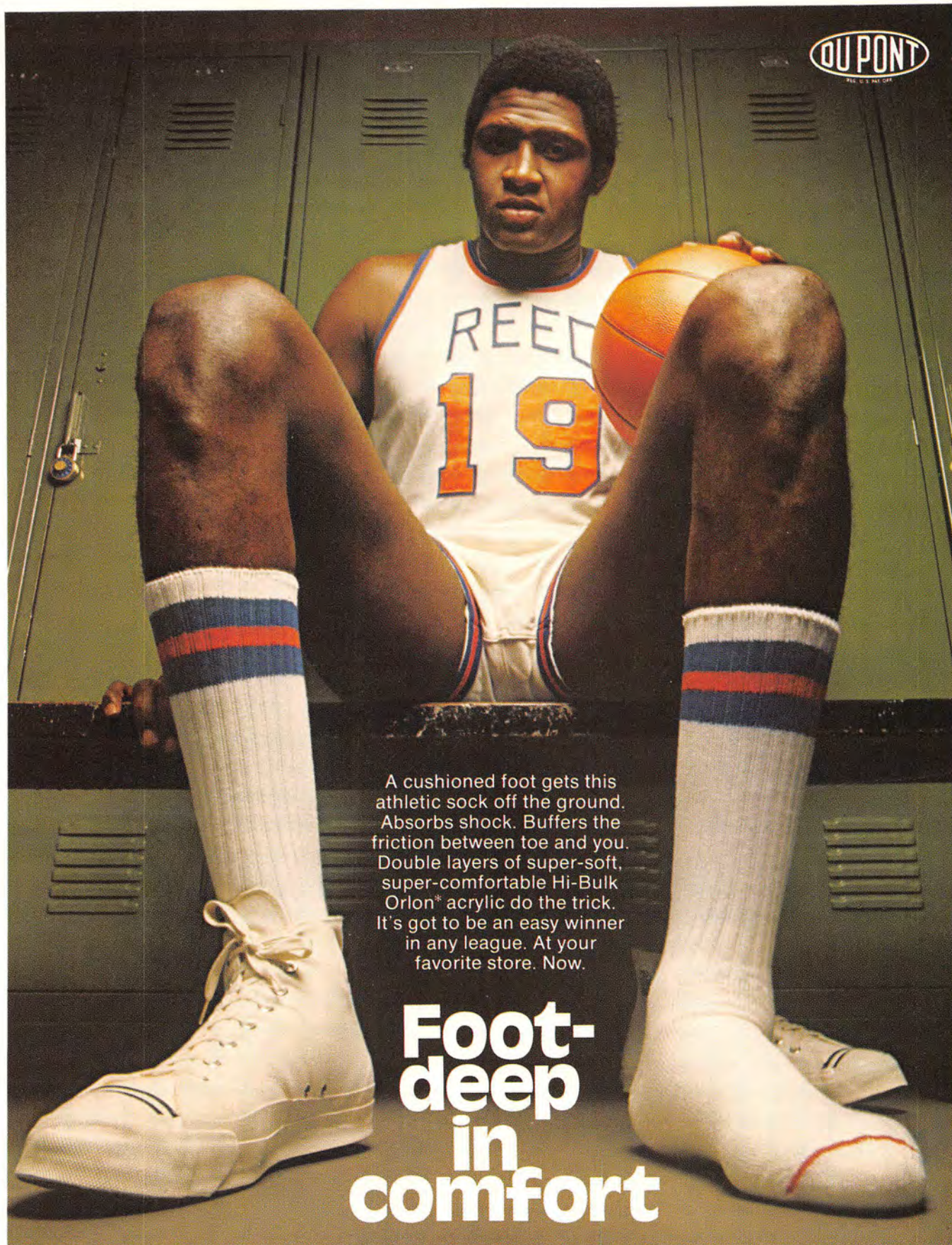
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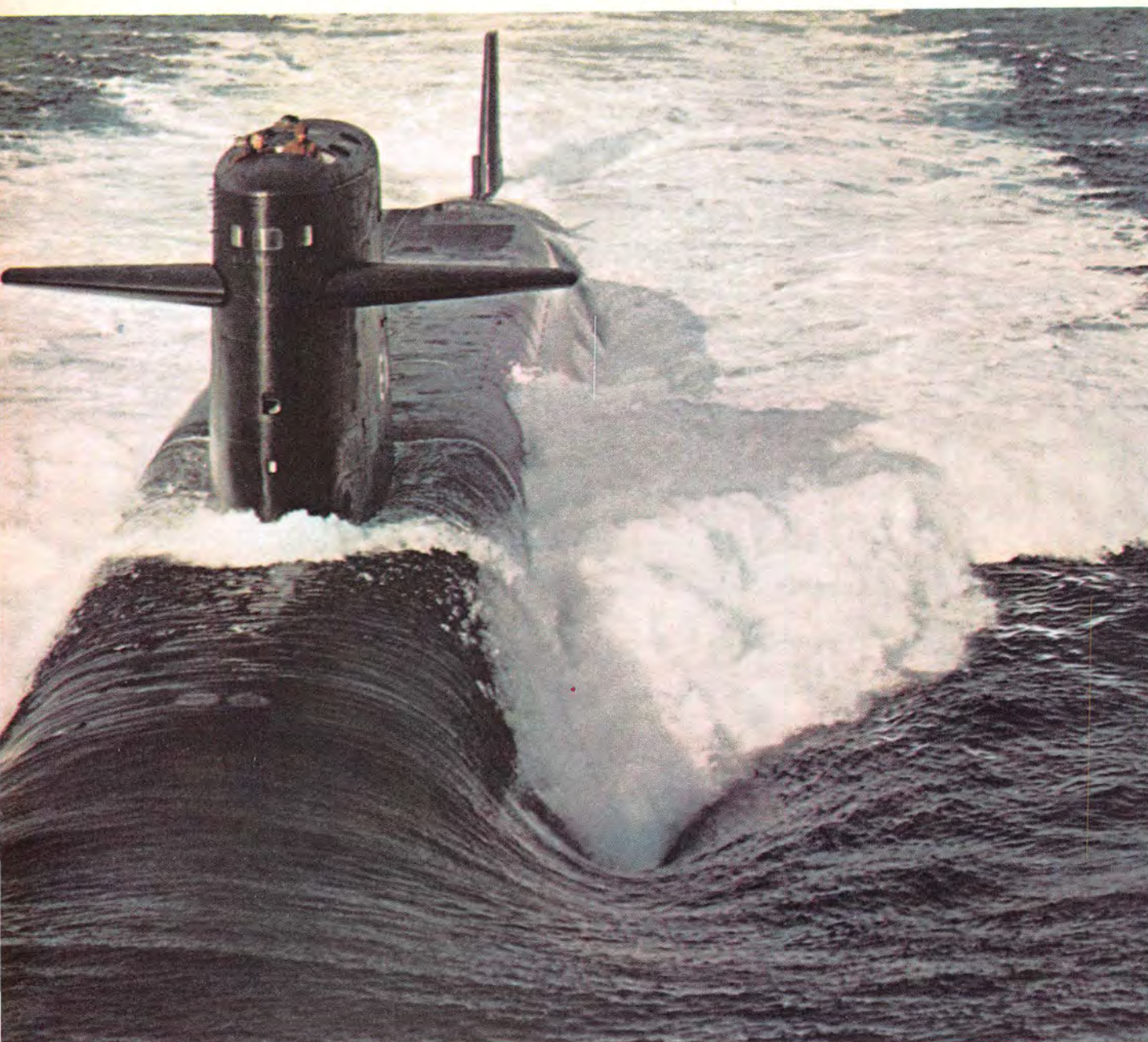
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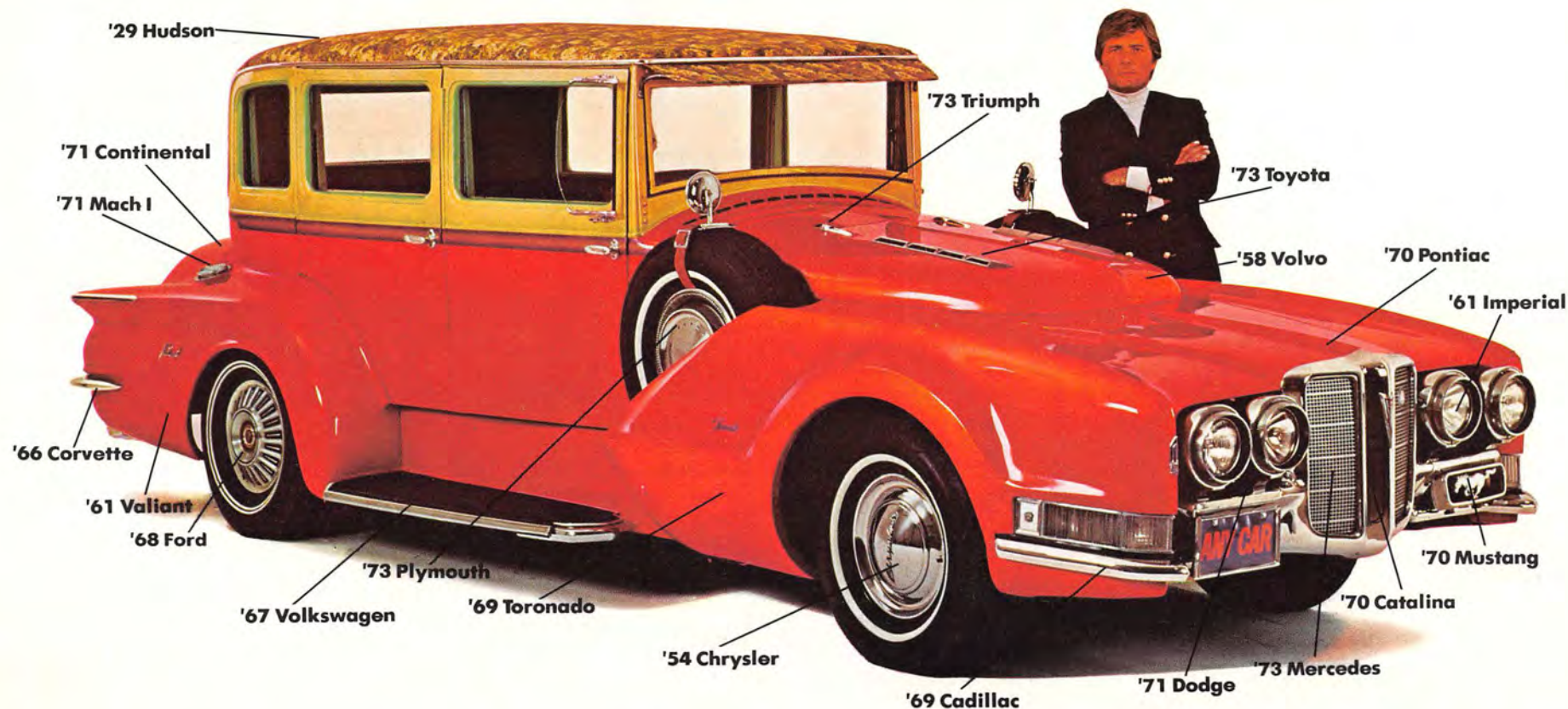
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A total of 25 former American hockey greats, including Frank "Mr. Zero" Brimsek, John Mariucci, George and Walter Brown, Hobey Baker and Eddie Jeremiah, were all inducted into the Hall of Fame on June 21.

Walter Bush, president of the Minnesota North Stars and a director of the Hall, called the induction day "fantastic."

"Hockey has done so much for so many people," he said. "And it's time we've put something back into it. The Hall of Fame is just that."

Of the 25 inducted, 14 are still living.

Brimsek, a star netminder with the Boston Bruins and Chicago Black Hawks, and Mariucci, also a former member of the Black Hawks, are both natives of Eveleth.

The United States Hockey Hall of Fame will honor those American players, coaches, referees, and administrators who have made significant contributions to the game. However, more than this, the facility will cover all phases of hockey as played in the United States: high school, college, amateur, international, and professional.

The original induction list included 15 players, four coaches and six administrators and included such initial members as Hobey Baker, a Princeton University

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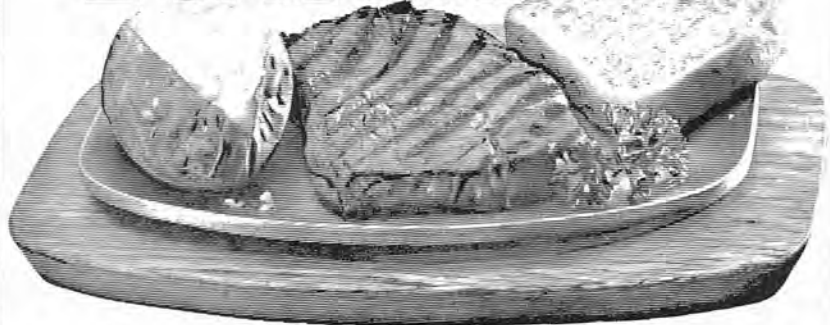
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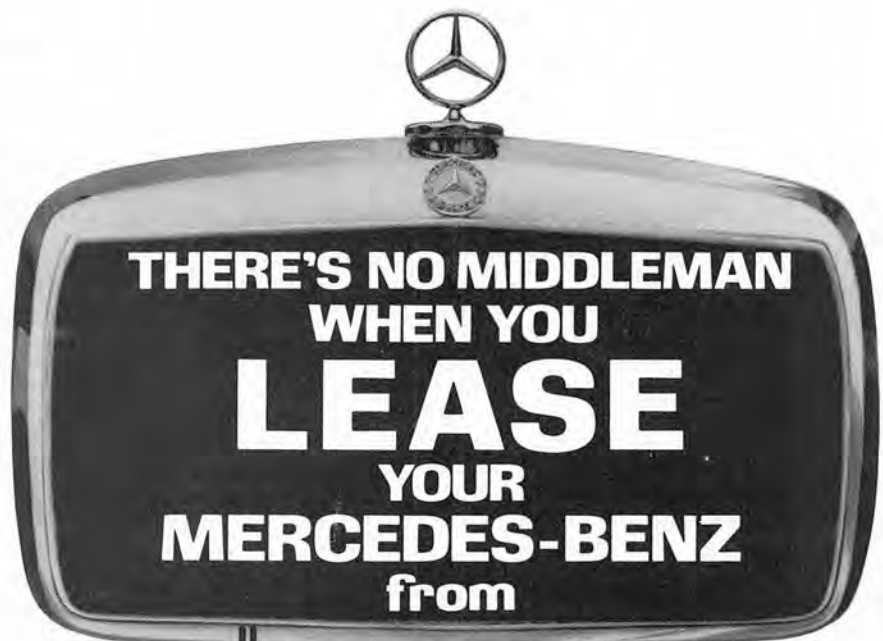
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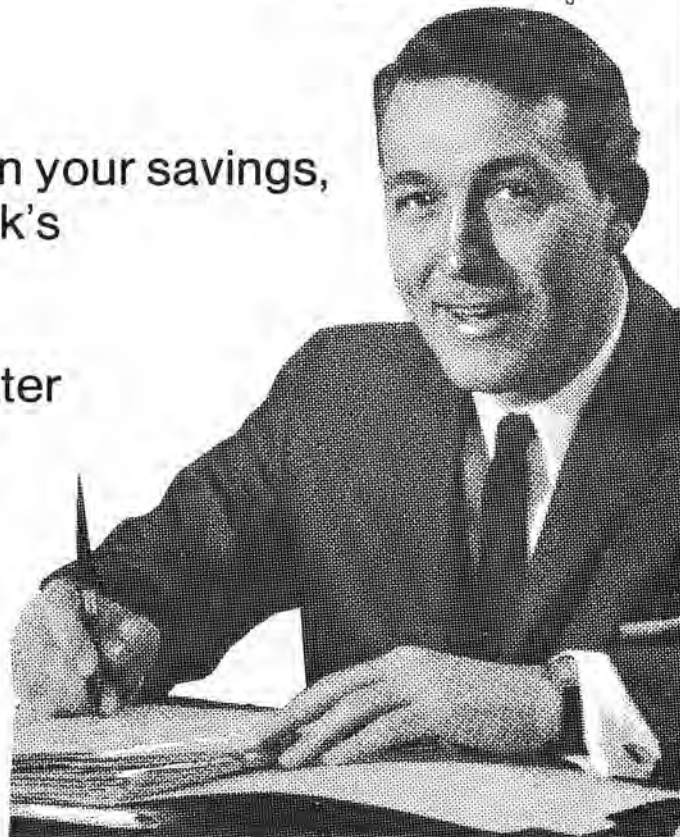
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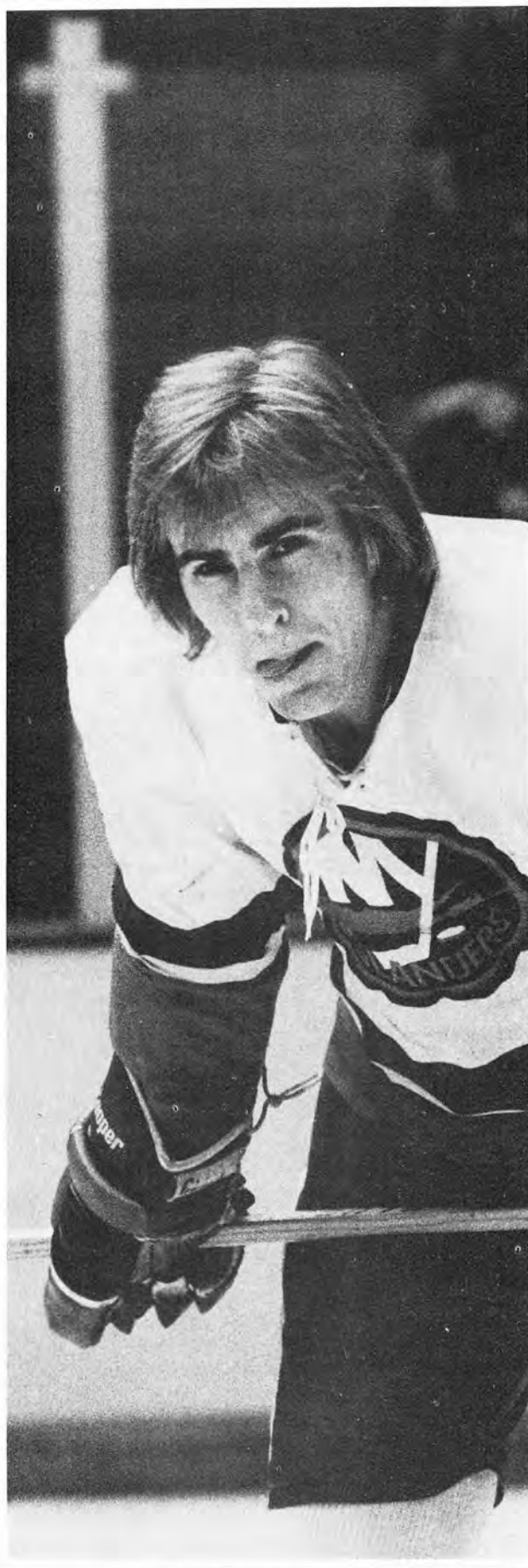
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The chronological history of the League is as follows:

**1917**—The National Hockey League was organized in Montreal on November 22. Delegates representing Montreal Canadiens, Montreal Wanderers, Ottawa and Quebec were present. These four teams along with the Toronto Arenas were admitted into the League. Quebec held a franchise but decided not to operate it that season. Frank Calder was elected President and Secretary-Treasurer. First games in this new League were played December 19, 1917. Toronto was the only city that had artificial ice.

**1917-18**—Clubs played a 22-game schedule.

**1918**—When the Westmount Arena, home of the Wanderers, burned down, the team dropped out of the League.

**1918-19**—Clubs played an 18-game schedule.

**1919**—Quebec Bulldogs operated their franchise in the League. Toronto Arenas changed their name to Toronto St. Patricks.

**1919-20**—Clubs played a 24-game schedule.

**1920**—Hamilton Tigers replaced Quebec.

**1924**—Boston Bruins became first American Club to join the League and Montreal Maroons entered the ever-expanding circuit, giving Montreal two teams.

**1924-25**—Clubs play a 30-game schedule.

**1925**—Hamilton Tigers' franchise was sold to New York Americans for \$75,000. The third United States Club, the Pittsburgh Pirates, entered the League.

**1925-26**—Schedule increased to 36 games per club.

**1926**—Three new United States teams, New York Rangers, Chicago Black Hawks and Detroit Cougars were admitted into the League. It was now a 10-club circuit, and was divided into two sections; Canadian Division had Toronto Maple Leafs (changed name from St. Pats to Maple Leafs), Ottawa Senators, Montreal Canadiens, Montreal Maroons and New York Americans. American Division consisted of Boston Bruins, New York Rangers, Chicago Black Hawks, Detroit Cougars and Pittsburgh Pirates. The Stanley Cup, most coveted prize in hockey, came into the exclusive control of the National Hockey League.

**1926-27**—Schedule increased to 44 games per club.

**1930**—Pittsburgh franchise was transferred to Philadelphia where a team known as the Quakers operated for one season. Detroit changed team's name from Cougars to Falcons.

**1931**—Philadelphia dropped out of League. Ottawa retired from League for one year.

**1931-32**—Schedule increased to 48 games per club.

**1932**—Ottawa resumed play for two seasons.

**1933**—Detroit changed nickname from Falcons to Red Wings.

**1934**—Ottawa franchise transferred to St. Louis. Team was called St. Louis Eagles and consisted of most of the Ottawa players of the previous season.

**1935**—St. Louis dropped out of the League, leaving the membership at eight teams.

**1938**—Montreal Maroons retired from the NHL.

**1941**—New York Americans changed name to Brooklyn Americans.

**1942**—Brooklyn Americans retired from League. This left the present six East Division teams in the League.

**1942-43**—Schedule increased to 50 games per club.

**1943**—Frank Calder, President of League since its inception, died in Montreal in February. Mervyn "Red" Dutton, former manager of New York Americans, succeeded him as president.

**1946**—Dutton retired as President of League prior to opening of 1946-47 season and was succeeded by Clarence S. Campbell.

**1946-47**—Players' Bonuses and Playoff Guarantees. 60-game schedule.

**1947**—New Constitutional Agreement entered into by all Member Clubs to continue in perpetuity.

**1947**—First Annual All-Star Game played in Toronto, and former All-Stars recognized.

**1948**—National Hockey League Pension Society formed.

**1949-50**—70-game schedule introduced.

**1954**—Inter-league draft modified to provide effective means of assuring availability of players.

**1957**—First 10 years of Pension Plan completed and Plan revised with greatly increased benefits. Players Playoff awards substantially increased. Owner-Player Council established.

**1960**—Arrangements completed with Canadian National Exhibition and City of Toronto for construction of Hockey Hall of Fame at C.N.E.

**1961**—Hockey Hall of Fame officially opened on August 26 by Prime Minister John F. Diefenbaker and U.S. Ambassador Livingston T. Merchant.

**1967**—Biggest single year in history of NHL. Six new United States teams were added, making the League a 12-team, two-division circuit. The new teams were California Seals, Los Angeles Kings, Minnesota North Stars, Philadelphia Flyers, Pittsburgh Penguins and St. Louis Blues, all operating in the West Division. Midway through season, California Seals changed name to Oakland Seals.

**1967-68**—Schedule increased to 74 games per club.

**1968-69**—Schedule increased to 76 games per club.

**1969-70**—N H L. expanded to 14 teams with Buffalo Sabres and Vancouver Canucks joining the East Division and Chicago Black Hawks moving to the West Division.

**1970-71**—Schedule increased to 78 games per club. Oakland Seals changed name to California Golden Seals.

**1971-72**—N H L. voted to expand to 16 teams for following season. New teams to be located in Long Island and Atlanta.

**1972-73**—New York Islanders added to East Division and Atlanta Flames added to West Division.

**1973-74**—Kansas City Scouts and the Washington "Caps" will begin play in the N H L. commencing with the 1974-75 season.

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1972-73	Phil Esposito	Boston	78	55	75	130
1971-72	Phil Esposito	Boston	76	66	67	133
1970-71	Phil Esposito	Boston	78	76	76	*152
1969-70	Bobby Orr	Boston	76	33	87	120
1968-69	Phil Esposito	Boston	74	49	77	126
1967-68	Stan Mikita	Chicago	72	40	47	87
1966-67	Stan Mikita	Chicago	70	35	62	97
1965-66	Bobby Hull	Chicago	65	54	43	97
1964-65	Stan Mikita	Chicago	70	28	59	87
1963-64	Stan Mikita	Chicago	70	39	50	89
1962-63	Gordie Howe	Detroit	70	38	48	86
1961-62	Bobby Hull	Chicago	70	50	34	84
1960-61	Bernie Geoffrion	Montreal	64	50	45	95
1959-60	Bobby Hull	Chicago	70	39	42	81
1958-59	Dickie Moore	Montreal	70	41	55	96
1957-58	Dickie Moore	Montreal	70	36	48	84
1956-57	Gordie Howe	Detroit	70	44	45	89

\*League Record.

## GOAL LEADERS SINCE 1956

SEASON	PLAYER	TEAM	GP	GOALS
1972-73	Phil Esposito	Boston	78	55
1971-72	Phil Esposito	Boston	76	66
1970-71	Phil Esposito	Boston	78	*76
1969-70	Phil Esposito	Boston	76	43
1968-69	Bobby Hull	Chicago	74	58
1967-68	Bobby Hull	Chicago	71	44
1966-67	Bobby Hull	Chicago	66	52
1965-66	Bobby Hull	Chicago	65	54
1964-65	Norm Ullman	Detroit	70	42
1963-64	Bobby Hull	Chicago	70	43
1962-63	Gordie Howe	Detroit	70	38
1961-62	Bobby Hull	Chicago	70	50
1960-61	Bernie Geoffrion	Montreal	64	50
1959-60	Bobby Hull	Chicago	70	39
	Bronco Horvath	Boston	68	39
1958-59	Jean Beliveau	Montreal	64	45
1957-58	Dickie Moore	Montreal	70	36
1956-57	Gordie Howe	Detroit	70	44

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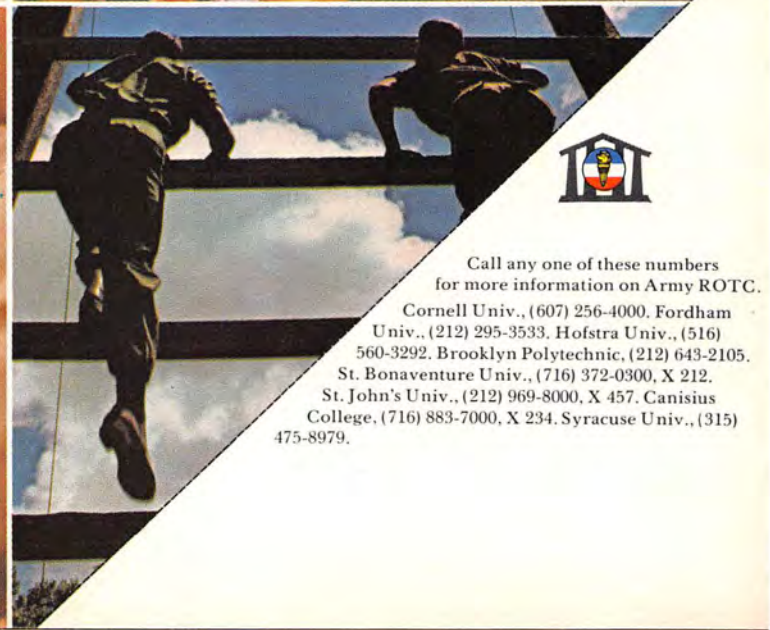
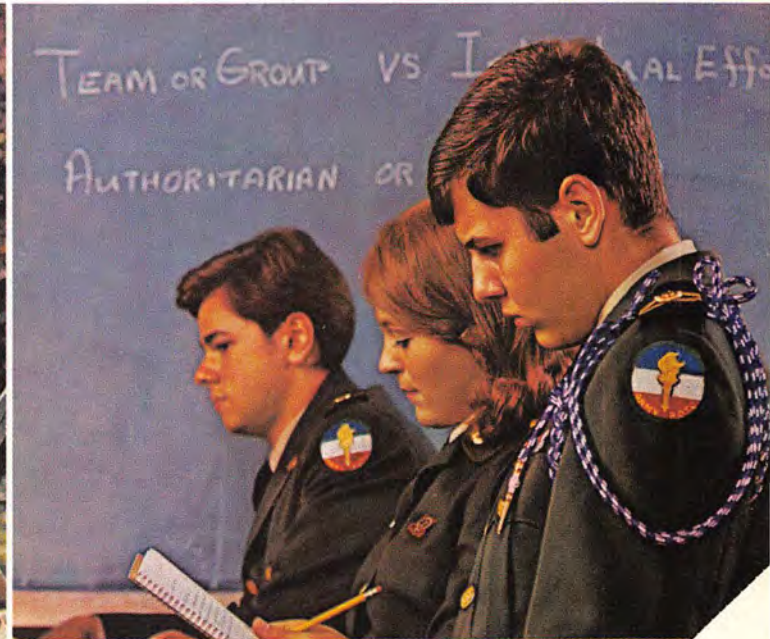
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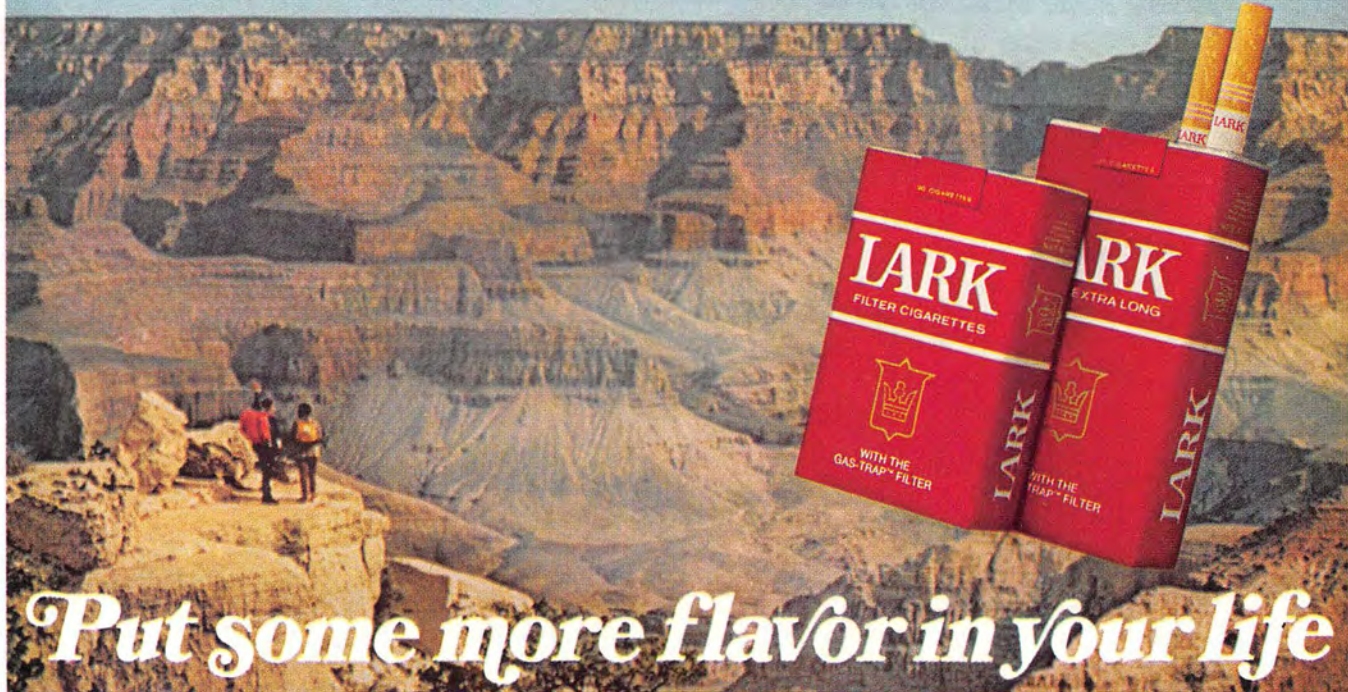
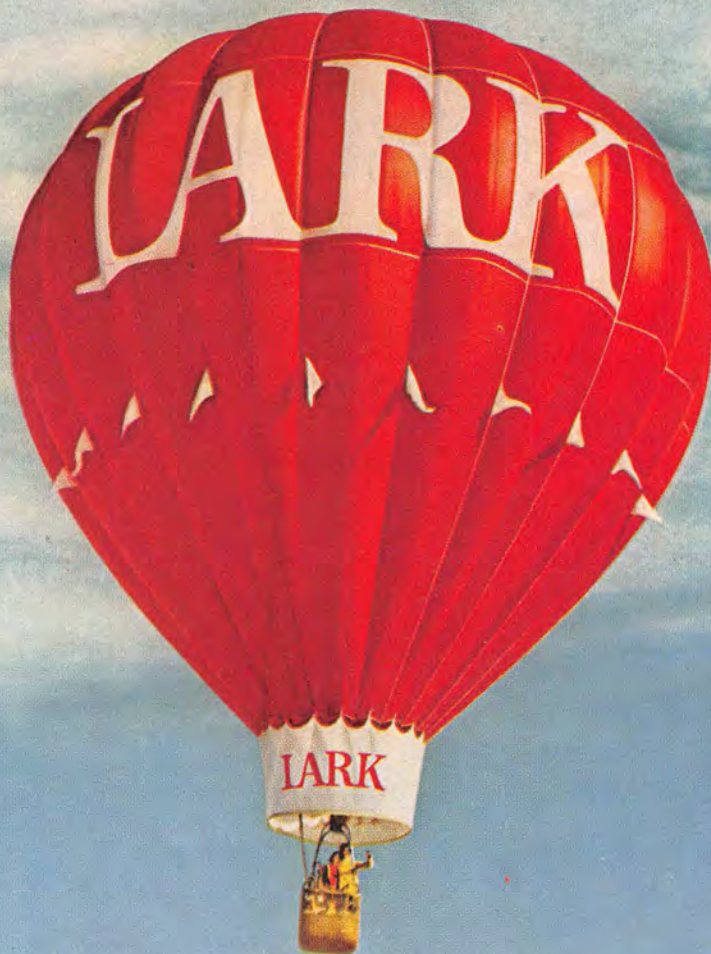
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What a difference a year makes, especially in hockey. Last season at this time, Ralph Stewart was just about making his New York Islander debut after being obtained from the Detroit Red Wings organization. This semester he's on his way to his first 20+ goal season in the NHL.

Unlike an increasing number of young hockey players who find the door to the National League opened invitingly to them at a tender age, Stewart has had to make it the hard way. No big bonuses for Ralph. He's here on hard work, long hours, and most of all, perseverance.

Only 25 years of age, the Islanders' 6-2, 190 pound center from Fort William, Ontario has already seen five professional seasons in eight different cities. But at long last, it appears that the odyssey is over.

From the start of training camp last September, it was evident that Stewart had improved tremendously over the offseason. Once the regular season began, he started putting the puck in the net with regularity. Ralph had managed but four goals in 31 games with the Islanders in '72-'73. By November 27th this year, he had already doubled that figure.

"Probably the biggest reason for my improvement is that I've been getting the ice time."

"Probably the biggest reason for my improvement is that I've been getting the ice time," says the handsome, blond pivotman. "Last year I didn't really play a regular shift. This time I was put on a regular line in training camp and kept there."

"Also last year I think my problem was getting accustomed to the NHL. The play is so much faster here. It's especially hard when you spend half the season in the minors and then you're called up. You have to try to adjust in a hurry."

Coach Al Arbour opened the season with Stewart between Brian Spencer and Craig Cameron as a checking unit. Until the line was broken up temporarily in early November when Spencer went out with a shoulder separation, the line had quickly acquired admirers wherever it went.

First they stopped Buffalo's French Connection. Then on to Boston where they held Phil Esposito goalless for sixty minutes. Then they virtually strangled the Rangers' powerful G-A-G line of Hadfield, Ratelle, and Gilbert.

"We don't have any special instructions when we go out there. We know what we're supposed to do," says Ralph.

"After spending a few months with the same linemates, you have a sense of where the others are going to be."

# What A Difference A Year Makes

By Harry Klaff/The Hockey News



Stewart uses his height, 6-2, to great advantage.



One of the hardest shooters on the Islanders, Ralph has played on the point during power plays.

Stewart continues. "We talk a lot both on and off the ice. We complement each

"After spending a few months with the same linemates, you have a sense of where the others are going to be."

other when things go right, and we also criticize each other when we feel it's necessary. We talk about both the good and the bad points."

Ralph has quickly acquired a reputation as a player who can pull off the big play by himself, truly a tribute to his strength. Five of his first nine goals were unassisted efforts, a couple coming on length-of-the-rink dashes. On more than one occasion he has muscled his way to the crease directly from a face-off. Once he has the puck on his stick, he's awfully hard to knock off it.

Judging solely by his play this season, it's hard to imagine Ralph Stewart as a journeyman hockey player. Still, his professional resumé reads like a Rand-McNally Gazetteer.

"I started off playing bantam and midget hockey like all the other boys back in Thunder Bay. It wasn't all that long ago, but in those days most of the big junior teams were sponsored by an NHL club, and there were scouts at the midget games," remembers Stewart.

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# I STILL HAVE TO PROVE MYSELF

By Bob Cordasco/N.Y. Post



Lorne rarely has the puck knocked off his stick.

Lorne Henning was reflecting on last season, his first in the NHL. "I'd have to say it was disappointing," admits the Islanders' 21-year-old center and number two draft choice of the '72 amateur crop.

Let's look at the record: it says in 63 games he scored seven goals and assisted on 19 others for a total of 26 points. It placed him eighth in the team scoring table.

It's easy, though, to understand Henning's disappointment with his first big league season. He remembers his high-scoring junior years, particularly the last two when he pumped 115 goals into the nets in the Western Canada Hockey League.

Which is why the quiet, blond with the mustache and receding hairline is determined "to make up for it this year. I want to show I can score in this league. I still have to prove myself."

In the early going, Henning was heading in the right direction. He scored the first Islander goal of the season in the opener against the Atlanta Flames. He was always near the top of the Islander scorers, and for awhile was leading the club. In the first third of the campaign he'd already matched last year's goals output. In his 27th game he surpassed it.

It's true it wasn't a whirlwind beginning, but it was at least a healthy one. That's something he hadn't experienced for the past two seasons.

Two years ago he missed the start of his final junior campaign with hepatitis (he still finished with 51 goals). Last year he began the season with the New Haven Nighthawks (AHL), but lasted only four games before mononucleosis scratched

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Lorne is a good faceoff man in the offensive zone because he can draw the puck to his wingers.

# Guess Who Came To Play?

By Mark Ruskie/The Record



Andre is centering for left wing Howatt and right wing Nystrom.



An excellent forechecker, here Andre tries to slow Marsh Johnston of the Seals.



Andre has to break habit of holding on to the puck too long.

Rookie center Andre St. Laurent has proven to be a surprise to both himself and the Islanders.

"I was glad and surprised when I was told I was coming here," said the 20-year old from Rouyn-Noranda, Que., who was recalled from Fort Worth when Ralph Stewart got hurt the second week of the season. "I thought I was just coming up for three games so I only brought a couple of pair of slacks and two or three jackets with me."

Andre has been around for more than just a few games, however. His work on the all-rookie line of Garry Howatt, Bob Nystrom and himself has seen to that. Thus far he's even exceeded the Islander front office's timetable for him.

"We weren't counting on him for this year," said general manager Bill Torrey, "although we felt he was an eventual. **But the thing you never know when drafting juniors is how badly a player wants to make it.**"

And St. Laurent wanted it. He proved it his final junior season when he became a 100-point scorer for the Montreal Red, White and Blue of the Quebec Junior League. His 52-goal, 48-assist season exceeded by eight points his point total for the previous two seasons with the Montreal Junior Canadiens of the Ontario Hockey Association.

Although Andre admits the competition may have been stiffer in the OHA, there was another factor in the big year enjoyed by St. Laurent and linemates Allan Pike and Robert Sirois.

**"I realized it was my last year in junior and I knew I had to get going because the draft was coming," said St. Laurent.**

St. Laurent had some big nights for the Red, White and Blue last season, like the night he helped them tie the touring Moscow Selects, 3-3, or the night he, Sirois and Pike combined for 16 points in a 14-3 rout of Drummondville. Andre led the way that night with four goals and three assists to send a Forum crowd home happy.

St. Laurent finished the year second to Sirois in team scoring and 17th in the league.

Playing in the NHL has always been the dream of St. Laurent. He credits his uncle, former Canadien and Black Hawk defenseman Dollard St. Laurent, for that.

"As a player he didn't really help me, but indirectly he did," said Andre, "because I always looked up to him. He's the reason why when I was younger, I took to the Black Hawks as my favorite team instead of the Canadiens."

His uncle also played a role in Andre signing with the Islanders.

"He works for an insurance company

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Lorne likes to pass the puck to his wingers early and get into position for a return pass.

him from the lineup.

You don't need to use your imagination very much to figure out what was foremost on his mind when he reported to the Islanders' Peterborough, Ont. training camp this past September.

"Something like that hits you two years in a row, you've got to be worried about it happening a third time," says Henning. "Especially, when it happens around the same time both years. It gets you to wondering."

Things like that also take a lot out of a guy.

"Oh, it definitely did," recalls the 5-11, 185-pounder. "Both times I got off to a slow start because I was weak and sluggish. It took a while before I got to feeling like myself. And last season, I never did get untracked."

"But I feel real good now," Henning noted. "These things are behind me, I don't even think about them any more. I've got my full strength back now."

After recovering from the bout with mono, Lorne didn't return to the Islanders' farm club, instead he was brought up to the varsity by General Manager Bill Torrey. At training camp and during the exhibition season Henning skated between Billy Harris and Ernie Hicke. They began the season together and then coach Al Arbour split them. Then he strung them together again, much to Henning's liking.

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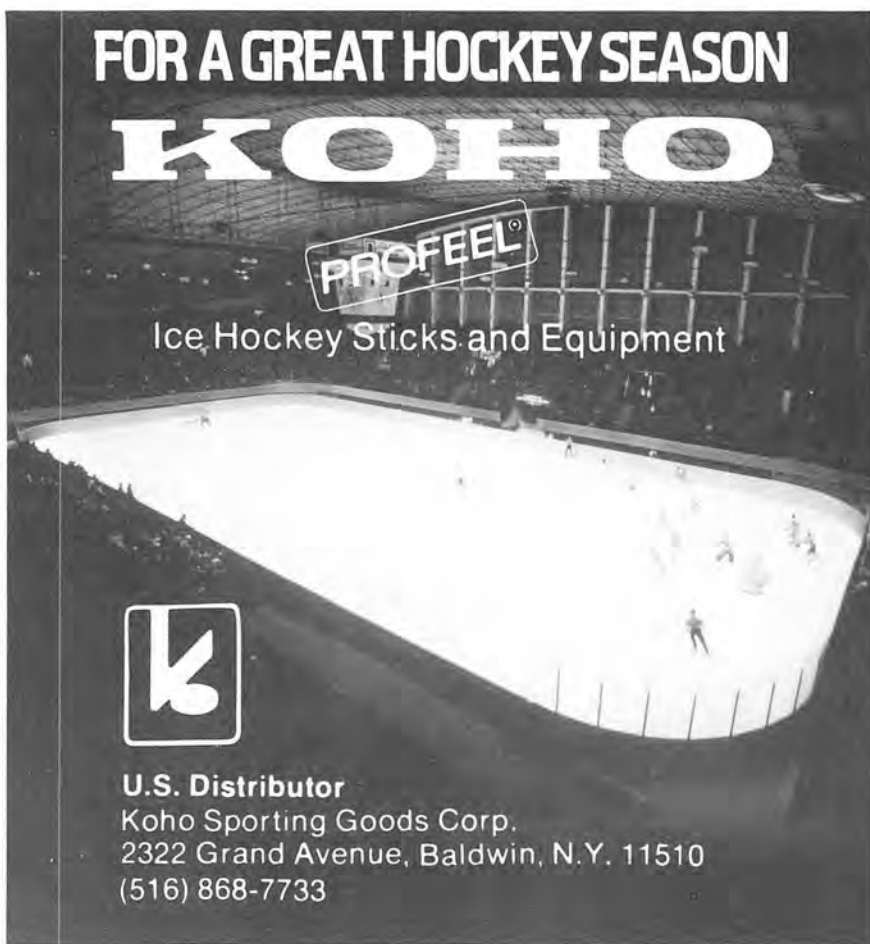
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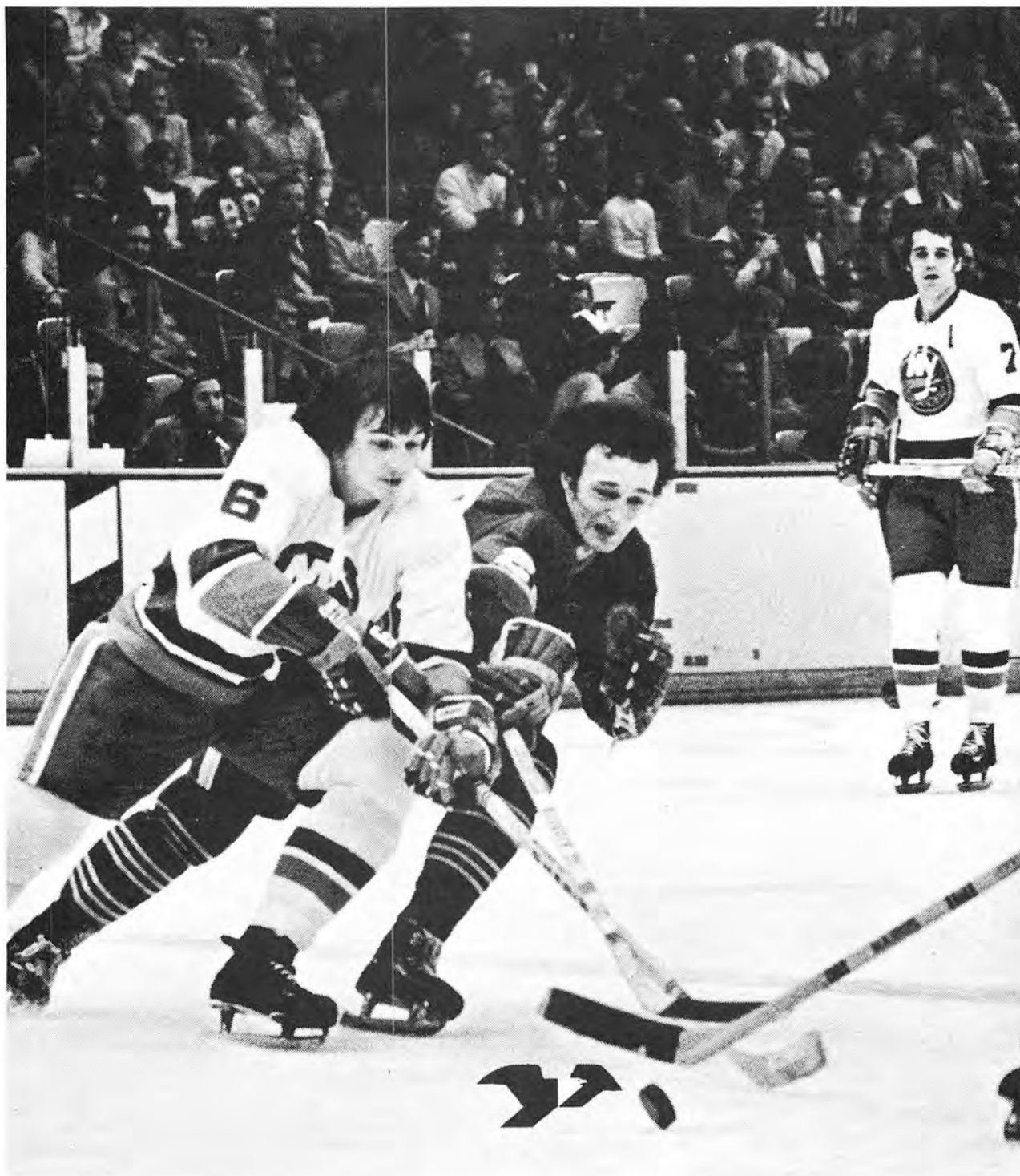
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## Standings

EAST DIVISION	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
MONTREAL	78	52	10	16	329	184	120
BOSTON	78	51	22	5	330	235	107
NY RANGERS	78	47	23	8	297	208	102
BUFFALO	78	37	27	14	257	219	88
DETROIT	78	37	29	12	265	243	86
TORONTO	78	27	41	10	247	279	64
VANCOUVER	78	22	47	9	233	339	53
NY ISLANDERS	78	12	60	6	170	347	30
WEST DIVISION	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
CHICAGO	78	42	27	9	284	225	93
PHILADELPHIA	78	37	30	11	296	256	85
MINNESOTA	78	37	30	11	254	230	85
ST. LOUIS	78	32	34	12	233	251	76
PITTSBURGH	78	32	37	9	257	265	73
LOS ANGELES	78	31	36	11	232	245	73
ATLANTA	78	25	38	15	191	239	65
CALIFORNIA	78	16	46	16	213	323	48

## Scoring Leaders

PLAYERS	TEAM	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
PHIL ESPOSITO	BOSTON	78	55	75	130	87
BOBBY CLARKE	PHILADELPHIA	78	37	67	104	80
BOBBY ORR	BOSTON	63	29	72	101	99
RICK MACLEISH	PHILADELPHIA	78	50	50	100	69
JACQUES LEMAIRE	MONTREAL	77	44	51	95	16
JEAN RATELLE	NY RANGERS	78	41	53	94	12
MICKEY REDMOND	DETROIT	76	52	41	93	24
JOHN BUCYK	BOSTON	78	40	53	93	12
FRANK MAHOVLICH	MONTREAL	78	38	55	93	51
JIM PAPPIN	CHICAGO	76	41	51	92	82
MARCEL DIONNE	DETROIT	77	40	50	90	21
DENNIS HULL	CHICAGO	78	39	51	90	27
PIT MARTIN	CHICAGO	78	29	61	90	30
GILBERT PERREAULT	BUFFALO	78	28	60	88	10
SYL APPS	PITTSBURGH	77	29	56	85	18
ROD GILBERT	NY RANGERS	76	25	59	84	25
STAN MIKITA	CHICAGO	57	27	56	83	32
RENE ROBERT	BUFFALO	75	40	43	83	83
DENNIS HEXTALL	MINNESOTA	78	30	52	82	140
KEN HODGE	BOSTON	73	37	44	81	58
GARRY UNGER	ST LOUIS	78	41	39	80	119
YVAN COURNOYER	MONTREAL	67	40	39	79	18
GARY DORNHOEFER	PHILADELPHIA	77	30	49	79	168
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DARRYL SITTLER	TORONTO	78	29	48	77	69

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	GP	G	A	TP	PIM
Bill Harris	78	28	22	50	35
Ed Westfall	67	15	31	46	25
Germain Gagnon	63	12	29	41	31
Brian Spencer	78	14	24	38	90
Ernie Hicke	N.Y. 1	0	0	0	0
	Atl. 58	14	23	37	37
Craig Cameron	72	19	14	33	27
Dave Hudson	69	12	19	31	17
Tom Miller	69	13	17	30	21
Lorne Henning	63	7	19	26	14
Terry Crisp	52	4	16	20	6
Bob Cook	N.Y. 33	8	6	14	14
	Det. 13	3	1	4	4
Don Blackburn	56	7	10	17	20
Jean Potvin	N.Y. 10	0	3	3	12
	Phila. 36	3	9	12	10
Ralph Stewart	31	4	10	14	4
Jim Mair	49	2	11	13	41
Brian Lavender	42	6	6	12	47
Arnie Brown	48	4	8	12	27
Gerry Hart	47	1	11	12	158
Bill Mikkelsen	87	1	10	11	45
Bryan Lefley	62	3	7	10	56
Brian Marchinko	36	2	6	8	0
Pon Stewart	N.Y.I. 21	2	2	4	4
	N.Y.R. 12	0	1	1	0
Ken Murray	39	0	4	4	59
Neil Nicholson	30	2	1	3	23
Richard Grenier	10	1	1	2	2
Bob Nystrom	11	1	1	2	10
Ron Smith	11	1	1	2	14
Garry Howatt	8	0	1	1	18
Gerry Gray	1	0	0	0	0
Dave Pulkkinen	2	0	0	0	0
Billy Smith	38	0	0	0	42
Gerry Desjardins	44	0	0	0	9
Islander Totals	78	189	290	460	881

# New York Islanders Goaltending Records

	GPI	MINS	GF	GA	ENG	SO	GAPG	SHOTS	W	L	T
Gerry Desjardins	44	2498	86	195	0	0	4.68	1470	5	35	3
Billy Smith	38	2122	84	147	0	0	4.16	1186	7	24	3
Gerry Gray	1	60	0	5	0	0	5.00	34	0	1	0
Islander Totals	78	4680	170	347	0	0	4.45	2690	12	60	6

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# M.J.H.A. Expands To 12 Teams For Eighth Season

by Harry Klaff/The Hockey News

Back in 1966, the Metropolitan Junior Hockey Association opened for business with six teams representing the few major youth hockey programs in the New York area. As the sport has grown by leaps and bounds since then, so has the Met League.

With the acceptance of a new franchise—the Bronx Shamrocks, and the reactivation of the Essex Comets and Bergen (N.J.) Maulers, the league's ranks have doubled to twelve teams. As was the case last year, the member clubs will play a 42 game schedule, compared to the 22 matches of eight years ago.

The Eastern Division is once again completely based on Long Island, although expansion has caused a couple of minor changes. The defending champion New York Westsiders have joined the East, and will battle the Brooklyn Stars, Long Island Athletic Club Flyers, New Hyde Park Arrows, Pomonock Indians and Suffolk Royals for top honors.

The Westsiders will share the Arrows' ice at Skateland in New Hyde Park, while the Stars play at Abe Stark Center in Coney Island, Brooklyn; the Flyers at Cantiague Park in Hicksville; Gulls at the new ice complex at Republic Field, Farmingdale; and the Royals (who were known as the Ducks for two seasons) at the Islanders' practice rink at King's Park.

The Western Division will consist of the new Bronx entry, which will operate out of the Riverdale Ice Skating Center in upper Manhattan, Essex, Bergen, the Jersey Crusaders, Manhattan Skyliners, and White Plains Plainsmen.

As has been the case the past few seasons, the Division races last season were dominated by Brooklyn and New York. The Stars finished the regular schedule with a superlative 36-3-0 slate to top the second place Suffolk Ducks in the East by 27 points. The New Hyde Park Arrows wound up with 41 points to qualify for a playoff spot, while LIAC and Pomonock Indians finished fourth and fifth respectively.

In the four-team West, it was the Westsiders in a runaway, with the surprising White Plains Plainsmen second with their best record ever, followed by Manhattan and Newark.

In the Art Keegan Memorial Trophy playoffs, Suffolk eliminated New Hyde Park in the opening Eastern round in the

maximum five games, with the clincher decided by David Hertzberg's game-winner after seven seconds of sudden death. The Ducks succumbed to the Stars in the second round, while White Plains dropped a tough semi-final series to the Westsiders after having no trouble with Manhattan in the Western quarter-finals.

For the third year in succession, the Westsiders had to face the challenge of the Brooklyn Stars for the championship. The New York club was looking for an incredible seventh straight trophy as the two arch-rivals squared off in game one at Abe Stark Center before a pack house of over 1,300 screaming spectators.

The Westsiders took that first game 7-5 in a wild affair, and closed out the Stars in six games, taking the championship once again by the margin of eight points to two. Two games ended in ties.

In June of 1972, the Met League celebrated the drafting of defenseman Chris Ahrens by the Minnesota North Stars. Chris, whose father Bob is the supervisor of the minor officials and timekeeper here at the Nassau Coliseum, started his junior career with New Hyde Park before moving on to Kitchener of the O.H.A.

Chris spent his first pro season at Jacksonville in the American Hockey League, where he led the circuit in penalty minutes. He was called up to Minnesota during the Stanley Cup playoffs, and was in uniform for one game. The North Stars consider the Freeport, L.I. native one of their brightest defensive prospects.

This May, Max Hansen of Northport, L.I. became the second M.J.H.A. graduate to be selected by the NHL, and again by Minnesota. Max, who's father Max, Sr., runs a referee's school at King's Park, starred for Brooklyn before journeying to St. Catharines of the O.H.A.

In addition to playing a 252-game league schedule, the Met League is also sponsoring its all-star team in the new American Junior Hockey Association. The entry, known as the New York Metro Stars, will square off against Berlin, New Hampshire; Baltimore; Cherry Hill, N.J.; Marlboro, Massachusetts; Nashua, New Hampshire; and Philadelphia.

The idea of an American major junior league has been smoldering for some time, and it is hoped that eventually the new loop will increase the level of competition to the point that top Americans will no longer have to go to Canada before they will be considered to have a true chance of making the NHL. The Metro Stars will play their home games on selected afternoons at the Nassau Coliseum and Madison Square Garden.

Unfortunately, players such as Chris Ahrens and Max Hansen are still a rarity. But then again, sending two boys to the professional ranks in only a few years is hardly something to sneeze at. As more and more area youngsters are taking to skates as soon as they can walk, it is only a matter of time before New York can produce a more representative share of fine hockey talent.



Chris Ahrens (far right), property of the Minnesota North Stars, poses with three other members of the MJHA's New Hyde Park Arrows to climb the hockey ladder.



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For the story of the St. Louis Arena please see Page 37A.

The Editors



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# THE ICE AGE COMETH TO ATLANTA.

BY FURMAN BISHER  
Atlanta Journal

**I**t's funny, but as I sit here letting my mind run around with its clothes off I can hardly remember Atlanta without ice hockey.

I'm supposed to write of what it was

like the first year of the Flames. Of teams from such distant and frigid outposts as Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver coming to The Omni to skate Southern. Of how Peachtree

Street and the Senator Claghorns of the cotton-picking, turnip salate and winter sweating belt took to this game played on a vanilla mousse.

First year? It seems in my cob-

webbed belfry that Bobby Leiter, Pat Quinn, Noel Price, Keith McCreary, Jacques Richard, Phil Myre, Curt Bennett and the rest have been with us since Sherman.

Bald-faced exaggeration, of course, but to prove a point. What I'm really trying to get across is how deeply grew the tap root in so short a time. By the first week of January Atlanta was so splendidly adapted to the National Hockey League life style it had its worst ice storm in the memory of most of us. It reminded us all as we shivered without heat and electricity for days of that drum-beating slogan that rolled out in advance of the Flames, "The Ice Age Cometh to Atlanta." We wanted to look up the creator of the advertising campaign and

gree of French in which the game was immersed. I had expected every player to have a name like Lemaire, Laperriere, Grenier, Pronovost, Ratelle, St. Marseille, Geoffrion and any place on the World Atlas between Cannes and Cherbourg. I expected to live in an entirely new language world. I would be "monsieur" and "parlezvousing" all over the North American continent. My old high school French teacher was finally becoming a prophet. She'd told me that if I'd just give it half a chance, one of these days I'd be glad I'd been a diligent pupil. Then World War II breaks out and do I get sent to ETO? Hell, no. I wind up in the Pacific and the stuff they speak out there reads like the lines from a menu at Trader Vic's.

of Simone Simon and Louis Jourdan. It growled at you. Of course, I was indoctrinated in the Boom-Boom Geoffrion Pick-It-Up-as-You-Go School of French. It came out of a cave.

I don't want you to think that I was not caught up by some of the non-French names. Not even in the National Football League do you find a Del Vecchio, Stemkowski, Wyrozb, Woytowich and that ever popular unpronounceable Tkaczuk, the All-North American sneeze.

If I had to put a brand on the day, or evening, that Atlanta sprouted the first hair on its ice chest, it would be that evening the St. Louis Blues were in town. The stage of the season sort of escapes me now, sometime around its girth, I'm sure. As you of the Monahan and McKenzie faith are quite aware, the Blues have encouraged quite a few maturations in the NHL.

On this evening it began with an exchange in the neighborhood of the net between Steve Durbano, foreboding, foul-tempered Slavic defenseman of the Blues, and Phil Myre, mild-mannered, altar-boyish, pleasant-faced goalie of the Flames. Durbano wasn't content to start one brawl, he came back from banishment to the locker room and started a second. It was a ring-tailed Irish hod-carrier's Saturday night version of beautiful insanity. The ice was red with blood and dotted with parts of garments and equipment. Anything the athletes could get off, they ripped off. Gypsy Rose Lee, who undressed professionally, would have admired their firehouse speed, if not their style.

Myre was dispatched, wounded. This brought on his companion in goaltending, Dan Bouchard, who bladed onto the ice and majestically swatted away several practice shots allowed by his teammates, and the game resumed. A chant arose in one of the upper tiers, for Bouchard had become loved for the tight-fisted manner in which he had been minding the goal of late.

"Boo-CHARD! Boo-CHARD! Boo-CHARD!" they chanted, and it began to sweep the building. Boo-CHARD responded with a couple of artistic saves and was studiously minding things around the top of his world, when out of the late blue there developed a sudden flurry in his precinct, somebody slipped a puck in between some of the limbs and legs and sticks and as he too carelessly cleared it, one of the Blues delicately slipped the puck right back by him and into the net for the decider.

In the upper tier, the emphasis suddenly changed in Boo-CHARD to "BOO-chard! BOO-chard! BOO-chard!" It was then and there that I realized that Atlanta, having achieved the galling state of feeling learned enough to boo ice hockey, had arrived in the NHL.



let him hold one in the chops.

I had looked forward to the coming with restrained enthusiasm. I knew I would enjoy the wild, crazy excitement, the artistry of the game. But to write of it was another thing. I feared my attempts at "official" ice hockey terminology. You know, as in Leo Monahan, Red Burnett, Ken McKenzie and the other intellectual Hemingways of the blades. After all, opening night in the Omni I was seeing the largest body of refrigerated ice I'd ever seen in my checkered career. So I had to take my awkward stance and go at it like a bumpkin boser with a diploma from a correspondence prize fighting school. Let the cubes fall where they may.

My first misconception was the de-

I was amazed as the teams came to town. They had names like plain old Harris, Johnson, Smith, Brown, Hall and Martin. One guy was actually called just Charley Burns, which would fit right in on the doorplate over a filling station. It wasn't a very good season for Joneses, though. There wasn't one.

Some of the French-bred were disappointing, too. They'd have white-shirt and plaintive first names like Harvey, Edward, Robert, Guy, Joseph, Gordon or William. You can find them in any country courthouse or any rest room wall in the South. And the French that was spoken was not so much the fluid kind of romantic stuff

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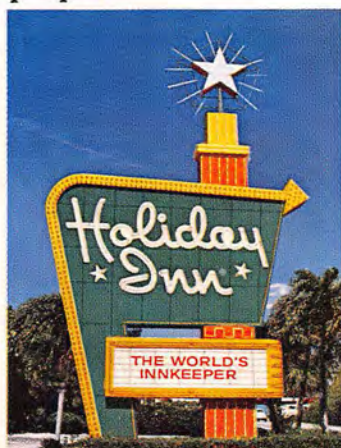
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# YOU TAKE THE GOOD WITH THE BAD.

By RED FISHER  
Montreal Star

**W**hat do Gerry Monahan, Claude Gauthier, Andre Veilleux, Barry Gibbs and Rick Pagnutti share in common? Give up?

Okay, let's make it a little easier. Add Michel Plasse to the list. Does that make it more clear?

No? Okay. How about Rejean Houle, Gilbert Perreault, Guy Lafleur and Billy Harris? If you haven't guessed by now . . . how about Denis Potvin?

They're all first draft choices by NHL teams, and if you're wondering what's happened to Claude Gauthier, Andre Veilleux and Rick Pagnutti . . . so are Detroit, New York and Los Angeles, who picked them. What's happened to them won't be recorded for keeping in NHL literature, because they never made it. Some of the others . . . well, they're still in business. And as for Perreault, Lafleur, Harris and Potvin, the direction they've taken is clear. They've become frequent visitors to the bank because nobody walks around with the kind of money they've earned as the No. 1 amateur choices.

The competition for outstanding junior talent has become the biggest, most interesting and most costly game hockey has devised in recent years. Nobody knows what Gauthier got for being picked No. 1 in the 1964



amateur draft, or what Veilleux coaxed from the Rangers when he was taken from the Montreal Rangers Jr. "B", but it was coffee money, because in those days, the truly big junior talents weren't available on the open market. Sponsorship tied the best juniors to NHL teams and it wasn't until the farm gates were torn down that money started running into big figures.

It wasn't until fairly recently that amateur draft choices became big business to the players and management, and while teams have been fairly fortunate in their choices, there are no guarantees. It isn't every year, for example, that a Perreault can be picked and promptly becomes a team franchise, which has been the case with the superior centreman at Buffalo.

Go back as recently as 1969.

That year, the Canadiens exercised, for the final time, the privilege they had of drafting what they considered the two finest French-Canadiens available in the draft. Their choices were Houle and Marc Tardif in that order. Houle and Tardif made it to the NHL, but to say they made it big is inaccurate. "Big" in terms of the NHL is a Perreault. In other words, many more have not made it in grand terms than have made it.

The five amateurs following Houle

and Tardif in 1969 were Don Tannahill, Frank Spring, Dick Redmond, Bob Currier and Tony Featherstone. Three are still in the NHL, the most prominent among them being Redmond largely because of the attention he attracted when Oakland traded him to Chicago. But there's no name among them that has become an explosive attraction.

Picking the right youngsters is a combination of shrewd judgment and a lot of luck. More and more, people are beginning to realize the huge gap existing between junior and NHL hockey, and it isn't getting smaller, even though the accusation is made from time to time.

Generally, draft choices represent something of a gamble. Perreault, whose skills were evident long before he graduated from junior competition, is a rare breed. His success was guaranteed, but how about those who followed him in the 1970 draft.

Dale Tallon, who fell to the Vancouver Canucks after the Sabres snatched Perreault, remains a familiar name, although he no longer is with the Canucks. How about some of the others, though.

In the view of the Boston Bruins, Reg Leach (No. 3) was a certainty to become an asset on right wing. He lasted only briefly with Boston. And perhaps the strangest case is that of Rick MacLeish, also drafted by the Bruins. They thought so little of his potential after drafting him directly behind Leach, they sent him to Philadelphia in a trade for Mike Walton. MacLeish didn't even make it at Philadelphia for a while, but then, in one of the most remarkable cases of



instant development the league has known, he scored 50 goals last year and scored 100 points.

How many among you remember Ray Martinuik?

He's a goalie who was regarded as a superstar in that position when he played junior hockey with the Flin Flon Bombers, a team which sent Bobby Clarke to Philadelphia the year before as a 17th pick. Everybody knows what Clarke has accomplished. In four seasons, he became the league's Hart Trophy winner, the first "expansion" player ever to win an individual trophy: Martinuik was drafted by the Canadiens, an organization which rarely errs with its selections, largely because it studies its prospective prospects more closely and more often than most teams in hockey.

Martinuik simply disappeared from the major league level after what amounted to a 10-second stop in the Canadiens organization.

Organizations like Canadiens can afford to lose a little now and then, of course. The depth of Canadiens' talent has permitted management to deal heavily in "futures", which means that in any given year for the next couple of years, at least, Canadiens may be in a position to have a half-dozen choices in the first two rounds while most teams must be content with two, at the most. Some, of course, have none, since they've already been traded away.

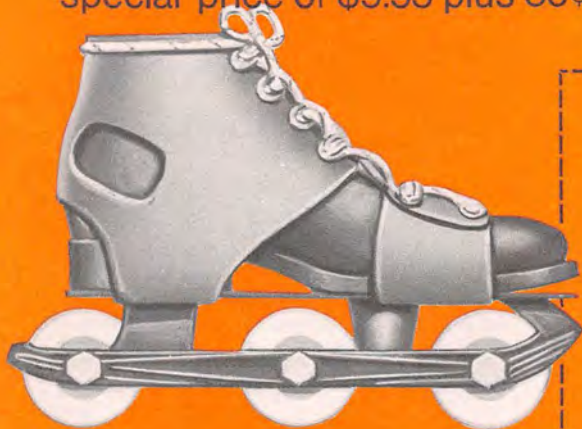
In any event, there is an element of skill in drafting the juniors—and an element of luck, good and bad.

Sometimes you get a Perreault, and sometimes a Martinuik. Then there's a 17th pick like Bobby Clarke.

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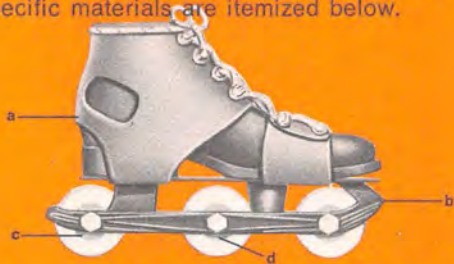
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This is how it works: Each week viewers watch two of the best NHL scorers taking three shots on one of the top goaltenders. The player with the most goals and the goalkeepers with the most saves will advance to the next round.

Players for the competition were selected on the basis of official NHL statistics for the 1972-73 season. They include Phil Esposito and Ken Hodge of the Boston Bruins; Dennis Hull, Jim Pappin, Bill White and Tony Esposito of the Chicago Black Hawks; Mickey Redmond, Marcel Dionne and Roy Edwards of the Detroit Red Wings; Yvan Cournoyer, Jacques Lemaire and Guy Lapointe of the Montreal Canadiens; Jean Ratelle, Brad Park and Gilles Villemure of the New York Rangers; Bill Flett and Rick MacLeish of the Philadelphia Flyers; Garry Unger of the St. Louis Blues; and Jim McKenney and Doug Favell of the Toronto Maple Leafs.

The prize winnings are built according to the success of the shooters and goalies as they progress through the competition. In the first round, each goal scored is worth \$400 to the shooter and each save is worth \$200 for the goalie; in round two it is \$750, with the save worth \$375; quarter-finals carry \$1,500 per goal for the shooter, with \$750 for each save; in the semi-finals, it's \$2,000 per goal and \$1,000 per save.

"The Showdown" final offers \$4,000 per goal, \$4,000 per save.

The series was taped early in the Fall in Peterborough, Ontario. It was produced for NHL Services, Inc. and the NHL Players' Association by Paul Palmer of Sports Dimensions Ltd.

A security system was devised to cloak the identity of the series winners. Each player took five shots at the goalkeeper, but only three shots counted and the players did not know which of the 3 shots counted.

Unusual? Yes, but this was the key to the production. If word leaked out as to the identity of the winner, it would be like knowing the killer in the mystery story before reading the book or seeing the movie.

In order to keep a tight security, a Price-Waterhouse representative was brought in with a special formula. Only he knew which three shots of every five counted.

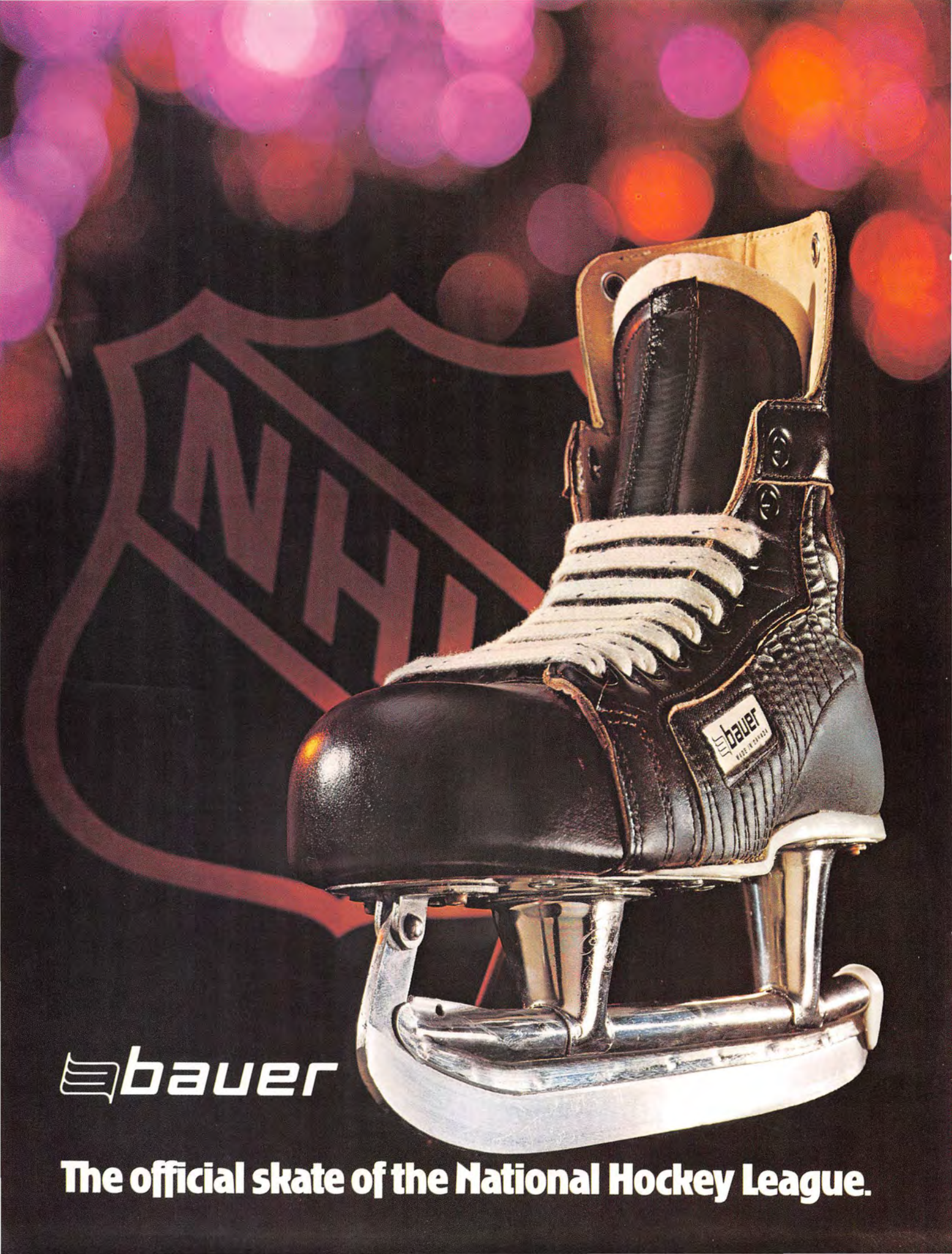
Down on the ice, Art Skov, the NHL's senior official, stood near the cage and signaled the beginning of play. "There were no complaints," said Skov. We followed the penalty shot rules and everyone understood them."

As soon as a goal was scored, Maple Leaf Garden goal judge, Alf Jones, switched on the red light.

What television fans see on their TV is the NHL's best. The camera angles will leave you breathless, and you will be watching many of the plays in slow motion. Some of the shots were taken directly behind the goaltender; others from overhead angles.

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# THE SABRES' PUNCH.

BY CHARLEY YOUNG/Buffalo Evening News

The manila folders were piled elbow-high on his desk in the Buffalo Sabres' hockey office when Punch Imlach said:

"Excuse me just a minute. I've got to get this thing signed."

He rushed out, got Rene Robert's signature and returned just in time to hear Floyd Smith's knock on the door.

Punch huddled with the coach of Buffalo's farm club in Cincinnati of the American League briefly. Then there was a telephone call. In the middle of that his secretary buzzed him on the interoffice system.

This is a rather typical day for Imlach, the general manager and vice president of the Sabres. But he thrives on juggling—very successfully—a half dozen projects at one time.

Finally he had time to answer the first question:

"Of course I like being general manager. Heck, I've been doing it for years. There was Quebec City, Toronto and now here.

"And you can bet I'd rather be coaching. That's where the action is. Down there on the bench. But I'm the general manager here now and we have a coach. So I guess that's it."

Punch is off the coaching bench chiefly on doctor's orders. He has had a heart attack and undergone surgery and he's supposed to be taking it easy.

That's like telling a jet plane to slow down to 50 or 60 miles an hour. It just can't be done. Not and survive.

Besides, taking things easy just

isn't Imlach's way. He thrives on being where the action is. And if it isn't where he is, he create's some.

Oh, he doesn't interfere with Coach

Joe Crozier's operations on the ice, although they confer almost daily, even when the Sabres are on the road and Imlach isn't with them.

Imlach makes things happen.

Like doing what just about everybody else in the National Hockey League thought was "wasting a draft choice" on a youngster like Bob Smulders, a superstar with the Peterborough Petes until he was seriously injured in an automobile accident.

The doctors took one look at Smulders' shattered left leg, his crumpled pled back, his internal injuries and the prognosis was bad.

He's never going to skate again, they figured, much less be able to play hockey. There were fears, for a time at least, he might not even be able to walk.

But Punch took a chance, drafted him fifth in this season's amateur



selections, and right now is happy to report that Bob's skating again.

"You've never seen such dedication," says Punch. "This lad's going to make it . . . and if he does, we're going to have a superstar on our hands."

That might not be this season. But it could be.

Even the Sabre players, no shrinking violets when it comes to tough physical training programs, are amazed at Smulder's dedication.

He works and works and works—leg stretches, knee flexes, special exercises—anything that'll get him moving—with Fred Atkins, the Sabres' PT instructor.

"He really wants to play," says Punch. "That's the biggest thing he has going for him. He'll make it all the way back. Wait and see."

Then there's Peter McNab, the son of Hockey Hall of Famer Max McNab.

**"If somebody offered me a trade, Perreault for Phil Esposito, my answer would be Not Interested."**

Punch picked him up in the amateur draft of a year ago, but the youngster decided to go back to Denver University for more schooling.

Now he's in the Sabre organization, and an impressive young addition he is. He stands 6 feet 3 inches, weighs 230 pounds, can skate and is a willing hitter.

"He just might be that big center we've been looking for," says Imlach. "He has the potential to be a superstar of the future. All he needs is experience."

Playing in college, McNab missed the heat of the competition and the playing time—of young men in the Ontario Hockey Association junior competition. But he's a good one.

Imlach has done an outstanding job building the Sabres. A playoff team in four years is no small accomplishment. More than that, he has built it for the future.

With just the present talent, the Buffalo club very well could be fixed and strong for almost ten years. The French Connection, for instance, averages only 22 years of age.

The club could field a defensive

corps averaging only 23. They might not even reach their peak for a half-dozen more years. But they're strong and young and good. The talent is there.

Imlach's maneuvering in the front office is famous. Certainly you remember that 1971 draft when he put Reg Fleming on and off the protected list exactly 12 times and wound up with four players.

And, perhaps best of all, was that very first draft for the Sabres in 1970. That's when the league spun the wheel to see who got first pick—Buffalo or Vancouver.

The wheel stopped on 1 and the league announced Vancouver had won and got first pick.

"Wait a minute," shouted Imlach.

"That's not No. 1, it's No. 11, we get first pick."

And he was right. The wheel had numbers listed 1 above the other—1 over 1. The next number was 1 over 2 or 12. And with that Imlach picked Gil Perreault, the juice in the French Connection.

And how good was that choice?

Well, Punch says Perreault's the best center in the NHL, bar none. He puts it this way:

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## BY LARRY BORSTEIN

In his early days with the Boston Bruins, Robert Gordon Orr insisted on calling his teammates "Mister," "Sir". The Parry Sound prodigy is now 25 years old and is in his eighth season of unparalleled greatness in the National Hockey League. Where has the time gone? Eight years for Bobby Orr!

One of the problems is that people have run out of adjectives to describe Bobby. When he wins the Norris Trophy at the end of this season—notice we didn't say *if* he wins the Norris Trophy—Bobby will have won it seven consecutive years, and will equal the record seven Norris awards won by Doug Harvey, recently enshrined in the Hockey Hall of Fame at Toronto. There the resemblance between Harvey and Orr ends. The Harvey era and the Orr era represent the major defensive periods of the past 25 years in Major league hockey.

If Harvey had any fault at all during his brilliant seasons with the Montreal Canadiens, New York Rangers, and St. Louis Blues, it probably was that he didn't shoot enough. He could carry the puck expertly, but he let his forwards do the shooting. The most goals he ever scored in a single season was nine, and in 19 stormy NHL campaigns he registered just 88 goals.

Going into this season, Orr has already scored 181 goals in seven years. He also had 432 assists before the 1972-73 campaign, ranking him 11th among active players. Bobby's 613 points in his first 467 games gave him a point-per-game average of 1.313, which is merely the highest ever recorded in the sport—a couple ticks better than Phil Esposito.

Clearly, and this won't fall into the category of news if you've been paying attention the past few seasons, Orr is the epitome of the offense-oriented defenseman. He has ushered in a completely different style of play for rear-guards. While the Bruin management raises nothing but huzzahs over this development, other NHL coaches have not reacted quite as warmly.

"Nobody criticizes the man for being a great player," says one coach. "Hockey, like every other sport, needs and looks for superstars. The trouble is this guy has made every other defenseman coming up try to be another Orr. The new kids see him making rushes up the ice and going in for goals, and they think they can do it too. They can't come

close, most of them. They should worry more about playing defense and not trying to play like Orr. There's only one Orr."

Perhaps no one ever has brought more natural gifts to the game of hockey than Orr. Right from the start as an 18-year-old rookie, Bobby played the game like a veteran. Once, when Harry Sinden, the Bruin coach, noticed that Orr's shots were rising too high, he suggested that the young defenseman try a different stick.

"The stick isn't the problem," Orr responded. "I'm not following through low enough. I'll start working on it."



"He was only 21 then and he knew all about it," Sinden later recalled in wonderment. "And I didn't. In those areas where he's been weak, he's known it himself and has done whatever was necessary to correct the problem. He takes nothing for granted and never has fallen back on his reputation."

Though Bobby was hailed virtually as a deity in the Hub before he had played his first game for the Bruins, even he wasn't immune to the severe tests by which NHL veterans greet newcomers into the ranks.

Orr started the first game of the 1966-67 campaign on defense for the Bruins, and early in the game he received a vivid lesson of what was in store for him. Defense-mate Joe Watson went into the

corner for the puck and emerged with his head in his hands.

"Joe came over to the bench," Bobby later recalled, "with his mouth bleeding like he'd been shot. The trainer told him to rinse it out. Joe rinsed his mouth all right, and eight or nine teeth came out with the blood and water."

Though he didn't receive quite so gory an injury in his early NHL days, Orr became a regular target for the league's roughnecks. They would attack him from the blind side, and regularly flatten him.

But Bobby fought back doggedly, and eventually was administering considerably more punishment than he had received. He developed a knack, when cradling the puck behind his own goal, of quickly registering in his mind the position of every other player on the ice—teammates and opponents. Orr doesn't get blind-sided anymore.

Watching Bobby on one of his rink-length forays with the puck is watching one of hockey's truly electric moments. It's like viewing an original work of art by a master. He swings out from behind the goal in a deceptively lazy fashion. He fakes around one man, sends another tumbling to the ice, cuts around a third. Suddenly, he's in the clear and the goaltender is the only one left to beat.

At that point Orr either will unleash a vicious slap shot, which is superior to that owned by most forwards, or feed off the puck to another Bruin. In any event, the result is another goal for Boston.

A weak left knee, which has received surgery three times, may hasten an early end to Bobby's superstar career—and certainly already has reduced his effectiveness. Last season he missed 15 games because of his knee problems following his third operation on June 9, 1972.

It makes one wonder about the future of hockey if Orr had been blessed with two perfectly sound knees. They might have had to legislate Bobby out of the game, or find a private league for him in which to play. It's like baseball people used to say about Dodger lefthander Sandy Koufax, when he was setting the National League ablaze with every mound appearance. "He doesn't belong in the major leagues," was the line that now could be applied to Orr. "They have to find a higher classification for him."

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# Superstitious Nanne is Lucky Lou.



BY DAN STONEKING  
Minneapolis Star

**I**n the off-season Louis Vincent Nanne is . . . well . . . almost normal.

But during the season? Hoo Boy!

Okay, so the Minnesota North Star hockey player won't deliberately stroll under any ladders. And granted a black cat crossing his path will quicken his pulse rate. But doesn't everyone pitch a few grains over the left shoulder when a salt shaker is spilled? And it makes good sense to be cautious when handling a mirror, right?

A guy just can't be too careful, you know.

During the National Hockey League season Lou Nanne is especially careful.

While most hockey players have some in-season superstitions, the former All-American from the University of Minnesota might be labeled ultrastitious.

It would take the State Canvassing Committee to total up all of Nanne's superstitions or as 6-foot-1, 185-pounder prefers to call them 'my routines'.

Among his countless quirks is a ritual that is tough on hankies. After each period of each game he walks into the washroom and blows his nose twice. Not

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once, not three times. Twice. Even if he doesn't have a cold.

"After I do that I walk back to my bench always between the waste baskets, sit down and unlace five eyelets on each of my skates," said Nanne.

For four NHL seasons he was unlacing only three eyelets on each boot but he switched this year after falling from a 21-goal campaign in 1971-72 to 15 last season. "It makes me feel luckier to do five eyelets," he said sincerely.

The "routines" start when he leaves the house for a game at the North Stars' home base at Metropolitan Sports Center in Bloomington, Minnesota.

"I always take a certain road to the rink (he drives a different route home afterwards)," said Nanne. He discards that routine when the North Stars are traveling since the team is usually transported to and from enemy rinks via bus. Although Nanne confesses he has considered charting the bus driver's course.

On his way to the rink at home he listens to one particular radio station. But when he arrives at the Met he twists the dial to another.

"In walking down the ramp I always walk outside the railing (you guessed it, he walks inside when he leaves). I get to the rink at the same time (6:25 P. M. for Minnesota's 8 P. M. home starts) and I'm always the first one dressed (7:05)."

He hangs some of his street clothes in one room and puts some in another. He has all of his equipment laid out in order and puts on each item in the same sequence. When a few copies of the evening's program are brought to the dressing room, Nanne flips through one, then passes it always to his right. There is speculation that ex-North Star captain Ted Harris, who dressed on Nanne's left, never saw a program.

"I won't lace up my skates until the 'C' (Captain) starts lacing up his," said Nanne.

He never picks up his stick (he's a right-handed shot by the way so don't attribute all this to a left-hander's flakiness) until teammates Tom Reid and Murray Oliver have removed their lumber from the rack.

And this is a must. He always follows Bill Goldsworthy down the stairs to the ice.

Once when Goldsworthy was injured early in a game and couldn't play in the final period, Nanne was befuddled. Improvising his routine, he waited for defenseman Barry Gibbs to start out the dressing room. "I picked him because he's got the same initials and figured it won't throw things off too much," said Nanne.

During warm ups he takes so many shots, skates behind the net so many times and in front of the net so many times. When the game starts he will never look at the clock.

"I have to ask when it's time for our line to go out," he said.

He will never check for the other games on the scoreboard unless the North Stars are way ahead. "I hold on to an ice cube while sitting on the bench until we get control of the puck."

He admitted there have been times when he held the cube until it melted.

"There is really no sense to it all," said Nanne. "But once it gets going you keep it up if you have success. If I miss some routines I start to feel uneasy. The one year I tried to change (1969-70) we missed the playoffs."

For the last two winters Nanne has been especially careful enacting his routines. His goal production in both campaigns carried him into the unmagic number, 13. In each year he was infected

with acute doses of triskaidekaphobia. That is the malady experienced by persons who are superstitious about the digit 13.

Actually Nanne considers himself a very lucky guy.

In 1967 he was an envelope salesman for a Minneapolis printing company and had just about figured his chance to play professional hockey had passed.

He had been drafted out of the University of Minnesota by the Chicago Black Hawks in 1962-63 but decided against accepting that offer because of a wife and three-month old daughter, and the fact he didn't want to leave Minnesota.

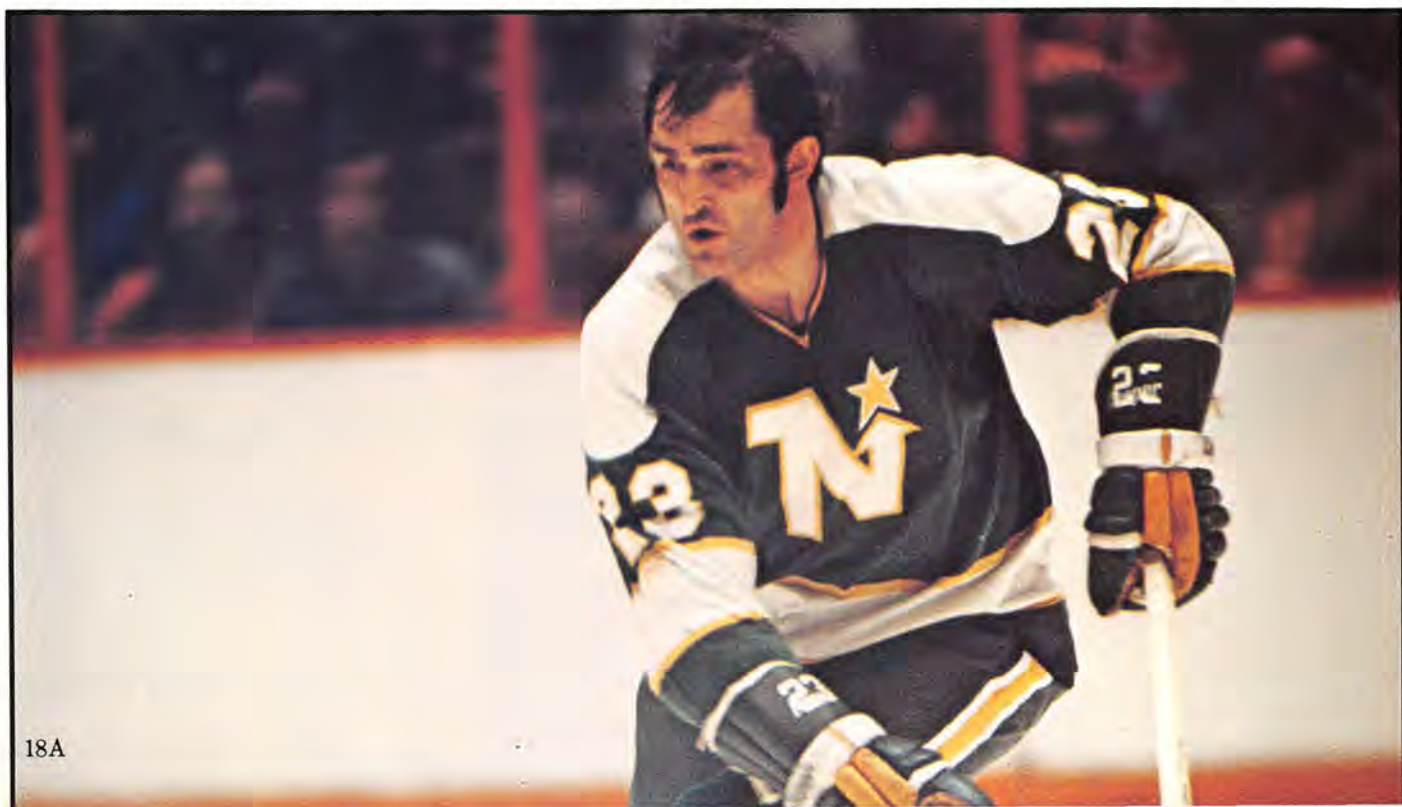
He played on amateur teams in the area and in 1968 was a member of the U. S. Olympic squad.

Minnesota General Manager Wren Blair finally convinced him to give the pros a whirl when the North Stars entered in NHL in '67-68. Nanne had a two-game trial and assisted on a goal. He began playing fulltime the next season and spent only 13 games in the minors before joining the club as an irregular regular. He was used as a swing man on defense, playing both the left and right side and starting a career with the North Stars that has earned him MVP. That's most versatile player.

Since then he has played right wing, left wing and both defense spots. In the 1971-72 season he became a regular right winger on a line with center Murray Oliver and left winger Dean Prentice. The threesome was a key in Minnesota's second place finish.

"All things considered, I've been very fortunate," said Nanne after a practice during training this fall.

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# The Dang Thing Hit The Post.

BY JOE FALLS  
Detroit Free Press

**H**ow many times have you seen it: Some poor goalie climbing to his feet . . . or even still kneeling there . . . reaching into the net for the puck, sweeping it out and sending it back to the middle of the rink so the game can go on.

I've always thought that the worst job in sports was to be a goaltender. I mean, just think about it.

You make a great save—a miraculous save. The crowd is roaring. They are on their feet, applauding. But play usually goes on and everyone is following the puck as it careens around the rink.

But let them score on you and you are alone. You are naked. You have been embarrassed and, sometimes, humiliated. You have to stand there, or kneel there, and take it. You also have to fish the puck out of the net.

I always think of the night Doug Favell gave up those six goals to Red Berenson. What must he have been thinking about after the fourth or fifth one? And the sixth one! What do you suppose was going through his mind as he had to reach into the net one more time for the puck.

Let me tell you about Ken McAuley, who was a goaltender for the New York Rangers in the middle of World War II. He played in that wonderful season of 1943-44 and was surrounded by such well-known players as Max Labovich, Oscar Aubuchon, Aldo Palazzari, Chuck Scherza and Ferdinand Gauthier. The big players had gone to war or

were working in the Canadian war plants.

No goaltender ever took the punishment McAuley did that season. They didn't warm him up before the games. They just gave him a cigaret and blindfolded him.

McAuley was riddled for 310 goals in 50 games. That's 6.2 goals a night. Even the fraction hurt. McAuley also gave up six goals in one game to Syd Howe of the Red Wings—so he knows exactly what Favell had to endure against Berenson.

"Aw, it was really a fun season," McAuley said over the phone from his home in Edmonton, Alberta. "I wouldn't have missed it for anything."

McAuley's jousts with the Red Wings were extra special. His troubles began two nights before Christmas. While the Red Wings were pounding the Rangers, 5-3, McAuley was struck by Carl Liscombe's shot and carried from the ice. He was taken to the hospital for x-rays and treatment.

The real "fun time" came a month later, on January 23, 1944. That's the night the Red Wings drilled him, 15-0. To this day, that remains the most one-sided beating in league history.

"I made the Red Wings what they were. I made stars out of all of them," McAuley again laughed into the phone. "Where would they have been without me?"

The Red Wings broke a ton of scoring records that night—most goals in a period, most assists, most points. They

scored twice in the first period, five times in the second and eight more in the third.

"They didn't even have to clean off the other end of the ice. Nobody was skating down there," said McAuley.

McAuley made 43 saves, to just nine for his opponent, Connie Dion.

Syd Howe scored three times against him. Murray Armstrong, Don Grosso and Liscombe got two apiece while Hal Jackson, Mud Bruneteau, Flash Hollett, Bill Quackenbush, Ken Kilrea and Adam Brown one apiece.

"I'm just glad Gordie Howe was too young to play," said McAuley.

The poor goaltender, indeed. He has to stand there and take it. When does he ever get a chance to get even? When does he ever get a chance to score one himself.

"Hey, that happened to me," said McAuley.

"It did?"

"Yeah, when I was playing with the Edmonton Maple Leafs in the Junior Playoffs in 1938. We were awarded a penalty shot and our coach, Ted Allard, called me over and said, 'You take it.'

"I thought he was kidding. But he said, 'Go ahead, you've got it coming.'"

McAuley went out there, pads and all, and went to the penalty shot line. He wound up and shot as hard as he could.

"And?"

"And I thought I had the goalie beaten."

"And?"

"And the dangd thing hit the post. . ."

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# He Drives Horses Don't He?

BY HAL BOCK  
Associated Press

**H**ockey and horses have run as an entry for a long time—as far back as the early 1930's when Conn Smythe financed construction of Toronto's Maple Leaf Gardens with some well directed racing wagers. Several hockey players have invested earnings to purchase horses and become improvers of the breed.

Now that's fine for the affluent sportsmen sort. But our nominee for hockey's Horseman of the Year is little Gilles Villemure, the sandy-haired goalie who shares the New York Ranger netminding job with Ed Giacomin. Villemure doesn't just own horses. He drives them.

It's one thing to lay out some cash

and buy yourself a steed. But its quite another to climb into a sulky, pull down a pair of goggles and snap that whip. You need more than money for that. For that, you need a genuine love of the horses and some good, old fashioned courage.

There are some people who insist that the best training for a hockey goal-

tender might be in a carnival, sticking his head through a hole as a target for baseballs, or on the receiving end of a knife throwing act.

Villemure, who, like all goalies, takes his job seriously, doesn't laugh at gags like that. But he believes his summertime job of piloting trotters around harness tracks in New York and Montreal is the best way for a goalie to stay in shape once the ice starts melting.

"I think this is a most helpful off-season activity for a goalie," says Villemure, who started driving in his native Trois Rivières, Quebec, before moving to trotting's big time at Blue Bonnets in Montreal and Roosevelt and Yonkers Raceways in New York.

"Winning races is just a matter of timing and knowing the abilities of your animal. You sit there and wait for your opening, and then you make your move. You have to be thinking all the time," says Villemure, describing qualities that are as helpful to a goalie as they are to a trotting driver.

"That's right," confirms Gilles. "The same is true when you play goal. When a forward moves to shoot, you have to know his ability and then time your move. It's the same driving a horse."

Villemure's attraction to harness racing goes back to the time he started blocking hockey pucks. "The race track and hockey rink were almost side by side back in Three Rivers," he says. Gilles often detoured on his way to or from the rink, wandering over to the track to watch what was going on. Pretty soon, he became a familiar figure and was offered a chance to earn some change by walking the horses around the track. He jumped at the opportunity but the trouble was that the horse he was walking jumped too.

"The first horse I ever walked got loose on me and took off," he says. "I guess I was a little scared."

But hockey goalies don't stay scared very long. So Gilles came back for more and soon learned the knack of cooling out the horses and walking them. Villemure became a racing regular and when he was 19, the goalie scraped together \$200 to buy his first horse. "I raced at Three Rivers, which is a very nice half-mile track. But the purses were pretty small."

Villemure stayed with the horses for the fun of it but found that his hockey was a more dependable source of income. "Around the race track, the money is always a gamble," he says. "In hockey, you know the pay check is going to be there every two weeks."

The lure of that regular payday every two weeks brought Gilles into pro hockey but he didn't give up the horses when he started stopping pucks for a living. Each summer, he returned to Trois Rivières and raced at the little half-mile track next to the hockey rink. And each summer, he won more and

more races. Then, a couple of weeks before training camp began, Villemure would sell any horses he had acquired over the summer.

"I sold the few horses I owned because it interfered with hockey," he says. "I let nothing conflict with goaltending until I quit hockey, which, I hope, won't be for a few years."

For awhile, it seemed Villemure's retirement might come sooner than he wanted. He was becoming a vagabond goalie, bouncing around hockey's minor leagues, always on the fringe with the Rangers until 1970.

"I had decided that year was going to be it," he recalls. "I was 30 years old and if I didn't make it in the big league that year, I think I would have turned to racing fulltime."

But Gilles got his chance and made good, sharing the Vezina Trophy with Giacomini as the Rangers posted the best defensive record in the National Hockey League that season. His promotion to New York also meant a step up in racing class to Yonkers and Roosevelt Raceways, where Gilles drives all summer.

"This is like the major leagues of harness racing," he says. "You have to have fast horses and you must make your move at the right time, otherwise you get shuffled back in a hurry."

Villemure does it all at his barn space, training and driving his horses, keeping them and him in shape.

"I have the same desire to win as I do in hockey," he says. "It's good for my reflexes. It's a matter of being in the right place at the right time—the same as in hockey. It keeps your arms and legs in shape, too."

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NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	BIRTH DATE
1	GERRY DESJARDINS	G	5-11	185	July 22, 1944
2	GERRY HART	D	5-09	175	Jan. 2, 1948
4	JEAN POTVIN	D	5-11	190	Mar. 25, 1949
5	DENIS POTVIN	D	6-00	205	Oct. 29, 1953
6	BERT MARSHALL	D	6-03	205	Nov. 22, 1943
7	GERMAIN GAGNON	LW	6-00	175	Dec. 9, 1942
8	GARRY HOWATT	LW	5-09	170	Sept. 26, 1952
9	BRIAN SPENCER	LW	5-11	180	Sept. 3, 1949
10	LORNE HENNING	C	5-11	185	Feb. 23, 1952
11	DAVE HUDSON	C	6-00	175	Dec. 28, 1949
12	ERNIE HICKE	C	5-11	185	Nov. 7, 1947
15	BILL HARRIS	RW	6-02	195	Jan. 27, 1952
16	RALPH STEWART	C	6-02	190	Feb. 12, 1948
18	ED WESTFALL	RW	6-01	200	Sept. 19, 1940
19	CRAIG CAMERON	RW	6-00	200	July 19, 1945
21	ANDRE ST. LAURENT	C	5-10	170	Feb. 16, 1953
23	BOB NYSTROM	RW	6-01	195	Oct. 10, 1952
24	BILL MacMILLAN	LW	5-10	180	Mar. 7, 1943
25	DAVE LEWIS	D	6-02	205	July 3, 1953
30	BILL SMITH	G	5-10	185	Dec. 12, 1950

General Manager: William A. Torrey

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NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	BIRTH DATE
1	ROGER CROZIER	G	5-08	165	Mar. 16, 1942
2	TIM HORTON	D	5-10	180	Jan. 12, 1930
3	MIKE ROBITAILLE	D	5-11	195	Feb. 12, 1948
4	JERRY KORAB	D	6-03	215	Sept. 15, 1948
5	JOE NORIS	D	6-00	185	Oct. 26, 1951
7	RICHARD MARTIN	LW	5-11	165	July 26, 1951
8	JIM LORENTZ	RW	6-00	180	May 1, 1947
9	NORM GRATTON	LW	5-11	165	Dec. 22, 1950
10	CRAIG RAMSAY	LW	5-10	170	Mar. 17, 1951
11	GIL PERREAULT	C	6-01	195	Nov. 13, 1950
14	RENE ROBERT	RW	5-09	165	Dec. 31, 1948
15	GERRY MEEHAN	C	6-02	200	Sept. 3, 1946
17	RICK DUDLEY	RW	6-00	190	Jan. 31, 1949
18	PAUL TERBENCHE	D	5-10	170	Sept. 16, 1945
19	STEVE ATKINSON	RW	5-11	170	Oct. 16, 1948
20	DON LUCE	C	6-02	185	Oct. 2, 1948
22	DOUG ROMBOUGH	C	6-03	200	July 8, 1950
24	PETER McNAB	C	6-02	210	May 8, 1952
30	DAVE DRYDEN	G	6-02	180	Sept. 5, 1941

General Manager: George "Punch" Imlach

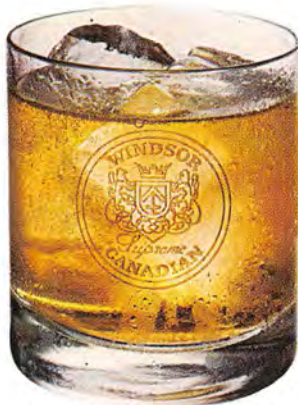
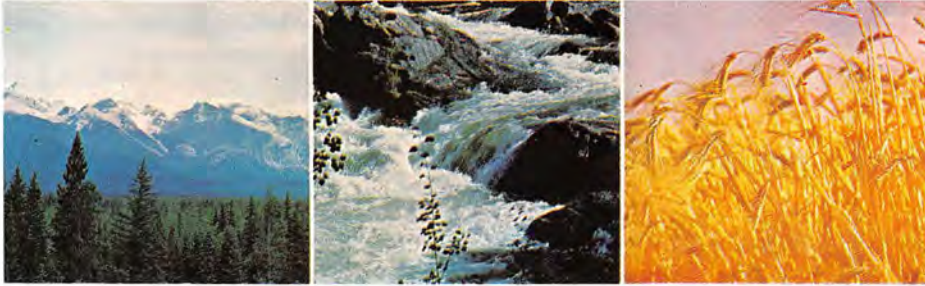
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**I**n the beginning, you must understand that Greg Polis is basically just a small town boy. How small a town, you might wonder. Well, Dapp, Alberta where Polis shot his first hockey pucks in anger, has a population of 75 and some local citizens insist that count includes the dogs.

In fact a dog played no small part in the development of this husky left winger, who has been an All Star selection in each of his three National Hockey League seasons. That is because the thermometer sometimes drops quite low in Dapp, Alberta.

"A lot of times, when the temperature

got to 25 degrees below zero," reports Polis, "I had trouble finding other kids who wanted to play hockey with me. So I took my Labrador retriever with me. When there was nobody else on the rink, it was nice having him along for company."

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## *The Penguin Who Played With Dogs.*

BY HAL BOCK/Associated Press



# Hat Trick.

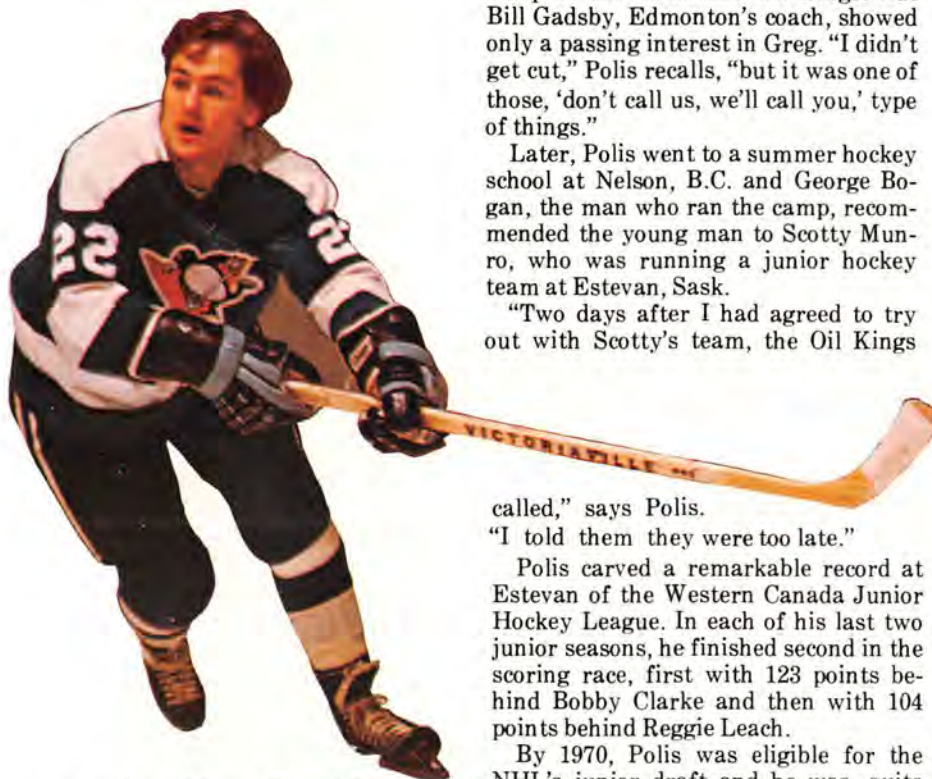


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Greg's dog didn't sit by idly while his master did all the hockey playing either. "He liked to try and take the puck away from me," says Polis, "so I learned to stickhandle by trying to keep it away from him."

The dog was no pushover either.

"He made me work," laughs Polis. "If he got the puck, he'd carry it all the way to the other end of the ice, jump over the boards with it and sit there and laugh at me."

Despite its small size, Dapp had a functioning four-team league for young hockey players. There was one limitation though. They never played when the thermometer at their outdoor rink

pushed lower than 20 below zero.

"The reason for the rule," says Polis, "is that a guy might get frost in his lungs. In a real game, he wouldn't want to quit. When we were just horsing around, everybody knew it was wise to take a rest when his breathing began to hurt."

In those days, hockey was strictly for fun. Polis never considered the game seriously as a career possibility. "I never really thought of pursuing hockey," he says. "It just came natural to me and I played it because I enjoyed it. I was pretty well set on taking up engineering."

Polis attracted enough hockey attention at Dapp to be invited to a rookie camp of the Edmonton Oil Kings. But Bill Gadsby, Edmonton's coach, showed only a passing interest in Greg. "I didn't get cut," Polis recalls, "but it was one of those, 'don't call us, we'll call you,' type of things."

Later, Polis went to a summer hockey school at Nelson, B.C. and George Bogan, the man who ran the camp, recommended the young man to Scotty Munro, who was running a junior hockey team at Estevan, Sask.

"Two days after I had agreed to try out with Scotty's team, the Oil Kings

called," says Polis.

"I told them they were too late."

Polis carved a remarkable record at Estevan of the Western Canada Junior Hockey League. In each of his last two junior seasons, he finished second in the scoring race, first with 123 points behind Bobby Clarke and then with 104 points behind Reggie Leach.

By 1970, Polis was eligible for the NHL's junior draft and he was, quite frankly, worried about which team might select him.

"I was afraid the Bruins were going to take me. They had two high draft choices, and since Estevan used to be one of their sponsored teams, I was sure they'd take me, especially when Milt Schmidt (then Boston's general manager) and their chief scout, Garry Young, came to watch me play. There I would have been lost with all the talent they have."

"Then I heard Montreal was interested in me. That would have been worse."

Greg needn't have worried. Buffalo opened the draft by picking Gil Perreault and Vancouver followed, select-

ing Dale Tallon. Boston chose Leach and Rick MacLeish and Montreal took Ray Martyniuk and Chuck Lefley.

Pittsburgh was next and the Penguins grabbed Polis.

Greg had the doubts every rookie has experienced when he arrived in his first NHL training camp. "I often wondered if I was good enough," he says. "In training camp especially. They had a lot of left wingers there—Prentice, Sather, McCreary, Fonteyne. I didn't know if I would stay. We used to go down to the bulletin board every morning to see which shift we'd be on, whether it would be the Pittsburgh shift or the Amarillo farm club's shift."

Polis stayed on the Penguins' shift and established himself as a solid NHL player that season. At mid-season, he was selected as a replacement for injured teammate Ken Schinkel and represented the Penguins at the NHL All-Star Game. He didn't see much action in the West's 2-1 victory that was worth \$500 per man. Teammate Jim Morrison teased him that he had earned "about \$125 a shift."

Polis scored 18 goals that season and 30 the next year, when he earned the All Star Game berth on his own without any injury help. And he was back for the mid-season clash of the NHL's best players again last season, but just barely.

As he was about leave Pittsburgh for his flight to New York and the game, he got a call at the airport. His wife had been taken to the hospital and was about to give birth. Greg rushed to her side and did the nervous new father bit for the next 24 hours.

He finally flew to New York for the game, arriving only an hour or so before the opening faceoff. Operating on virtually no sleep, Greg scored two goals and skated off with the game's Most Valuable Player Trophy—a handsome new car.

His Labrador retriever would have been proud of Dapp, Alberta's most famous hockey player.

**B**ack home in Virginia, Minnesota, Frank Brimsek picked up a paper and read about a goaltender, turning down a reported \$150,000 a year to play in the NHL. He found it hard to believe.

Brimsek used to play goal; in fact, he played it well enough to become the only American goalie in hockey's Hall of Fame. He was a quiet, modest sort of fellow, always uncomfortable when the conversation got around to hockey, and he hasn't changed.

There is no envy when he reads about big salaries, only a smidgeon of disbelief. Ask him how much he made at his peak, and he says: "Oh, Art Ross (his coach and manager in Boston) took good care of me." But his top salary was \$15,000.

chance in the nets only because Thompson had a infected eye. Frank won the first two for Boston, but when Tiny got well, the rookie went back to Providence of what was then called the International-American League. "(I don't remember any teams in it outside the United States," Brimsek said, "but it was a tough league and a lot of good goalies were just waiting for one of the Big Six to break down.")

Brimsek was 23. He thought, looking back, he could play big league goal at 19 when he was a freshman at St. Cloud Teachers College. But jobs were hard to come by and he was lucky just to latch on to Pittsburgh after another team in the Eastern Amateur Hockey League, Baltimore, cut him loose.

Four years later, Art Ross knew what

it all, the stocky 170-pounder, with the shoulders of a heavyweight, protested his good fortune to be playing for a team like Boston.

He had an unbelievably quick glove hand, he never betrayed his moves and he was cool as a Tom Collins. When the season was over, he was the Vezina Trophy winner, the Calder Trophy winner and the first rookie in history to make the first all-star team.

"That," I suggested, "should have got you as much money as your first-year salary."

"There was no money for trophies," he said.

Quite a put-down. I should have known better. The trophy money wasn't instituted until 1946-47 when Clarence Campbell got the job as NHL prexy.

Brimsek's goal-tending also helped the Bruins to their first Stanley Cup in ten years. In his first five years as the guardian of the nets, before he went off to war, the Bruins won two Stanley Cups and never finished out of the playoffs. Without him, a year later, they were out of the money.

"In those first five years," Brimsek recalled, "I was out of one game. A fella named Murph Chamberlain missed the puck with a raised stick and caught me across the schnozz. Got my nose broke. That wouldn't have kept me out, but I had one eye closed. I remember Art Ross asking if I couldn't play with one eye open. But after a while, he decided to bring in Vic D'Amore from Hershey."

Brimsek put in two years on a supply ship in the South Pacific. When he came back, hockey had a red line and the players were throwing the puck in, and skaters were screening a goalie's vision.

"I kind of lost my enthusiasm," Brimsek said.

His last year was with Chicago. He was 34 and he'd threatened to quit if Ross wouldn't deal him off to the Hawks, where he could be closer to home. He'd gone into business with a brother and playing with the Hawks, he said, "opened a few doors."

At the season's end, he quit anyway. Just to make sure, he turned all of his equipment over to Red Hamill's 12-year-old son. Three years ago, he came back to Boston for an Old Timers game. It was his first time on skates in 19 years.

"Might be another 19 before I get back on," he said.

Life, he says, has been kind. At 59, he works as an engineer on the Canadian National Railway. He lives outside Eveleth, Minn., with his wife, Marguerite. They have two daughters and three grandchildren.

# YOU COULD HEAR THE FANS BREATHING.

BY HERB GOREN/CBS

No other goalie in NHL history broke in under such intense pressure as Brimsek, and none hit the big-time so sensationally. The year was 1938-39, proprietor in the Boston nets for the previous ten years was a constant all-star, Cecil (Tiny) Thompson, and anybody moving Tiny out of there did so at his own risk.

The move was made by Art Ross, but it didn't come overnight. Boston's publicity man, Herb Ralby, recalls how Ross got together with the writers at a pre-season party and asked:

"What do you think might happen if I traded Tiny?"

"They'll run you out of town," came the riposte.

At the season's start, Brimsek got his

he had and he made the bold move—selling Thompson to Detroit for \$15,000 and announcing that Frank Brimsek, as of December, 1938, would guard the nets for a team that had Eddie Shore and Dit Clapper on defense and a brilliant Kraut Line up front.

Brimsek was understandably nervous. The first time he played a game in Boston after the Thompson deal, he said he could "hear those fans breathing" as he warmed up before game time. "They were just waiting for me to blow one," Brimsek said.

He didn't. He put together a string of three straight shutouts, six in his first seven games, and he was en route to the Hall of Fame. They called him Mr. Zero and The Goose-Egg Kid. Through

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# A Very Graves Situation.

BY JOHN PORTER  
Oakland Tribune

**T**o California Golden Seals fans, there are some most unusual things about Hilliard Graves, one of the Seals' brightest young hockey stars.

First of all, he's a nut about horses, specifically trotters. Like Gilles Villemure, the New York Ranger goalkeeper, Graves drives in harness racing competition. And he intends to pursue it as a career when his NHL days have concluded.

Then, there's the matter of name. People don't call him Hilliard. It's Hil—with one l. Perhaps most unusual, however, is the kind of rookie season he enjoyed in the National Hockey League. No one, except Graves himself, predicted he would do as well. All he did was to score 27 goals and add 25 assists to finish second in team scoring.

Although Hil was among the NHL's leading scorers among the rookies, he played with a last place team and, as will often happen, he received only a handful of votes in the balloting for Rookie of the Year.

"I was a little disappointed with the vote," admits Graves. "I'll just go out and prove I'm as good as the others."

That's the kind of reaction any coach would like to hear. When asked to explain Graves' successes on the ice while many of the veterans were floundering, one player summed it up: "Hard work. Graves scores because he works hard. Some players feel all they have to do is show up for a game, but without hard work, you'll just embarrass yourself."

Graves embodies such fierce determination in his demeanor that he makes up for lack of size, something most scouts and coaches look for first. At 172 pounds, a Moose Vasco he's not.

Hanging on for dear life to Canada's East Coast are the Maritimes, perhaps

one of the few spots in the world tourists haven't overrun. Hockey scouts naturally don't waste too much time in those provinces. Most of the NHL's blue chippers spring from Ontario, Quebec and the West.

"I thought I'd be drafted by the pros," recalls Graves, who was born in New Brunswick, raised in Nova Scotia and introduced to junior hockey on Prince Edward Island. "I was planning to go to college, but a scout told me I was on three draft lists and I wanted to find out how good I was." With his junior club, the Charlottetown Islanders, Graves wasn't just good. He was exceptional.

However, when the big league moguls met in Montreal to sift through the available talent, the Maritimes leading goal-scorer went undrafted.

So Graves went to school in 1968. He enrolled at the University of Prince Edward Isle and began studying economics. But he still played hockey and starred for the school in between lectures on inflation and bull markets.

He never kicked the urge to test his abilities against those of the pros.

At that time the Seals were enjoying a playoff season, helped in large part by a rookie named Norm Ferguson, who led the club with 34 goals.

Club officials, noting that their prodigy hailed from Nova Scotia, decided to give the Maritimes another once-over and sent a kid named Graves an invita-

tion. "Oakland had no idea who I was," says Graves. "It was just a tryout."

It was an invitation Hil couldn't refuse. He packed his bag, said 'so long' to school and headed for Oshawa, Ontario and the Seals training camp. However, he wasn't an instant success. There were going to be two years of bouncing around from club to club in the minors.

"I learned my lesson", recounts Graves. "I used to tell people back home that I would be playing for a certain team and then it would turn out I wouldn't. Now I don't tell anyone where I'll be next season."

He admits to wanting to be in the Bay Area. "Oakland has all the major sports," he points out. "I saw the World Series here. There are the Raiders and the Warriors, too. The Bay Area has everything you're looking for—theatres and restaurants. My wife and I drive across the bridge as much as possible to see San Francisco. Of all the big cities, it's the nicest in the United States. It's not like New York—you still can drive around the streets because it's not so crowded."

Anonymity shrouded Graves early last season, but his hustling, digging style soon earned him recognition. "I can remember walking into the rink before a game and nobody recognized me," says Graves. "It changed, though. Later, there would be fans saying, 'Hi, Hil, gonna get some goals tonight?' The fans are here in Oakland. We just don't

win enough games. You notice every time we start to win the people begin coming out."

Considering the lengths the Seals went to in order to sign Graves for this season, they must figure the little right winger is a winner. Hil found 40-degrees weather and rainfall awaiting him in Charlottetown after sunning and funning South of the border. He was whisked to the local hospital and treated for pneumonia.

Visiting hours were almost over one day when the door opened and in popped Oakland's Fred Glover with pen and contract. "He was in Montreal for the junior draft," remembers Graves, "and I called him and told him not to come up. We already had agreed to terms."

Graves gladly signed, thereby joining the affluent society at age 23. He bought a farm—50 acres for raising horses—near Charlottetown. Now he's talking about getting a driver's license for trotters.

His stable had a modest beginning. He bought one horse, a mare named Ina Baby Breeze. "She pays for her way," says Graves. "Last year she made \$3,600."

Lest Seals fans worry that the trotters have a stronger tug on Graves than hockey, they needn't be concerned.

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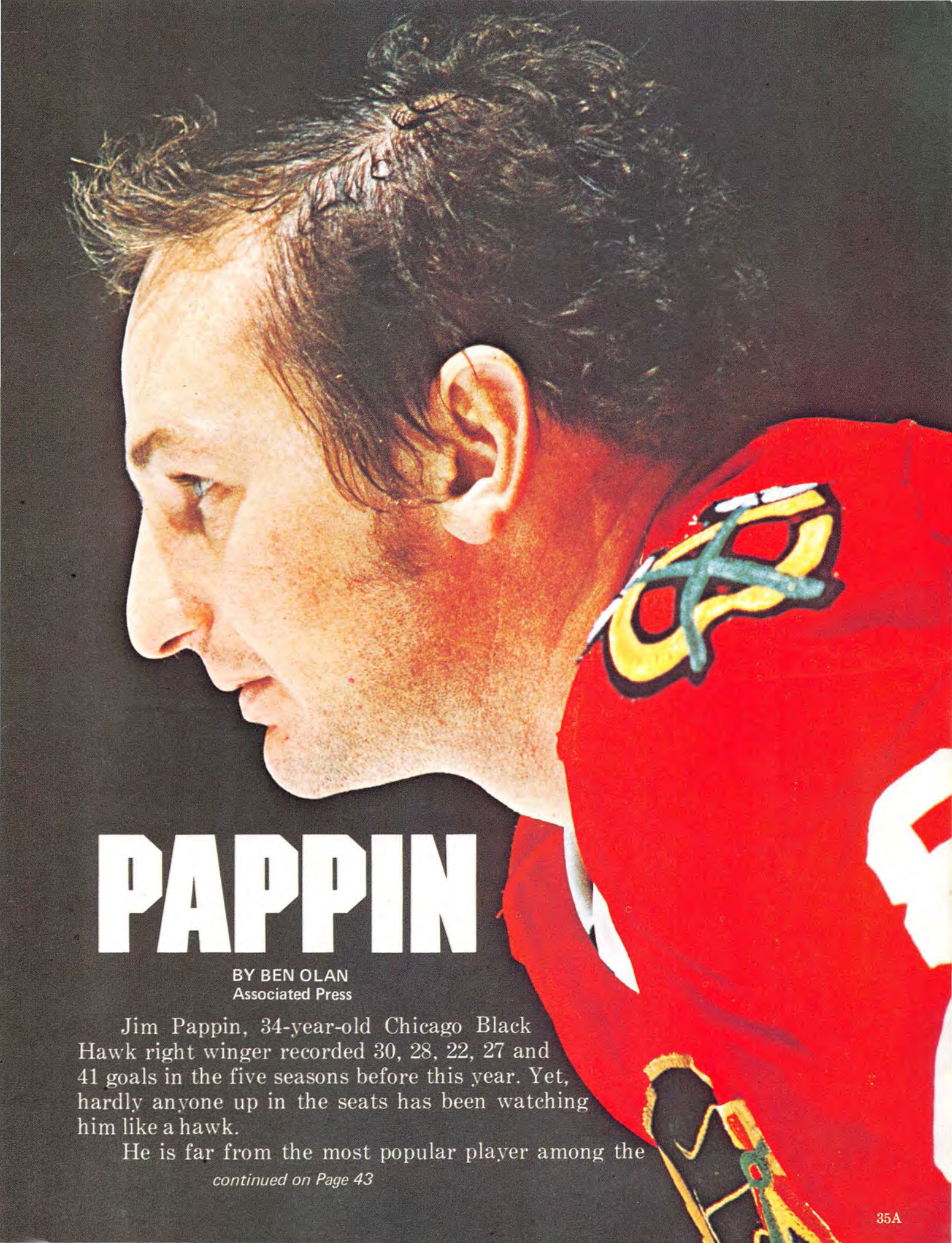
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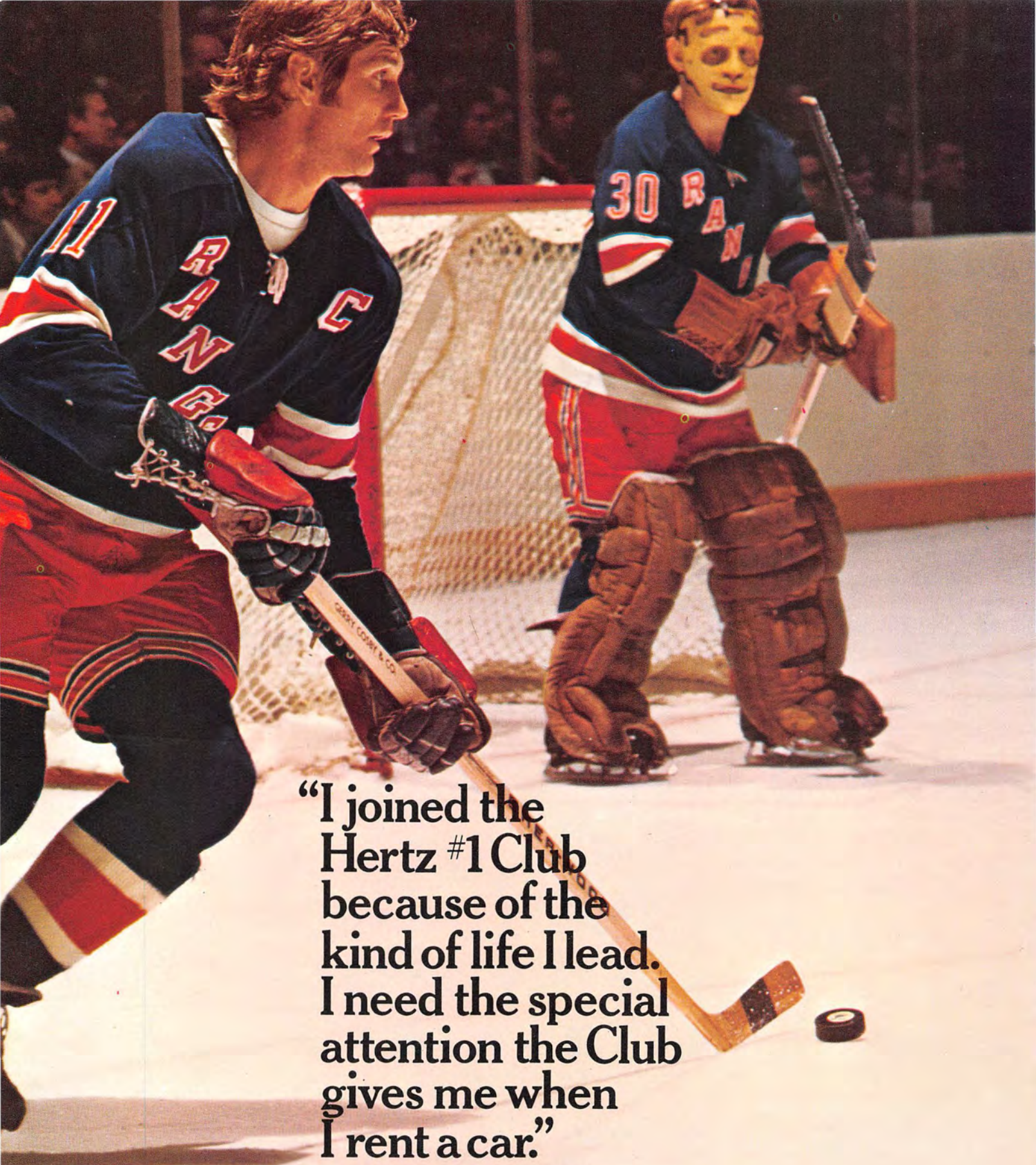
# PAPPIN

BY BEN OLAN  
Associated Press

Jim Pappin, 34-year-old Chicago Black Hawk right winger recorded 30, 28, 22, 27 and 41 goals in the five seasons before this year. Yet, hardly anyone up in the seats has been watching him like a hawk.

He is far from the most popular player among the

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# AN ARENA GROWS IN ST. LOUIS

GARY MUELLER  
St. Louis Post Dispatch

**I**n the spring of 1966 when the National Hockey League announced that it was about to double in size with the addition of a six-team West Division, there was much speculation about how the new franchises would fare.

There was divided opinion among most experts as to which of the six cities would be strongest. But there was little argument over which appeared to be the weakest: St. Louis.

St. Louis, a Midwestern city with Southern traditions, was known as a baseball town. Back in 1966, the basketball Hawks, despite being one of the top teams in the National Basketball Association, already were looking for a place to move. They eventually moved to Atlanta in 1968.

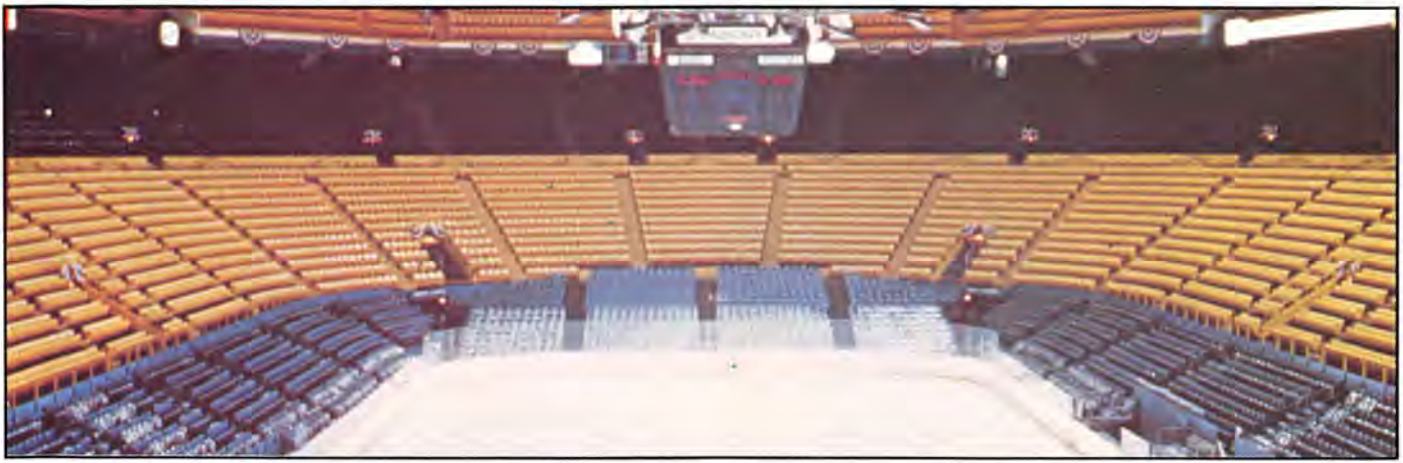
The football Cardinals, a relative newcomer to St. Louis had been considerably short of an instant success after their shift from Chicago in 1960.

And even in baseball, St. Louis had lost its American League team, the beloved downtrodden Brownies, less than a decade earlier.

But what about hockey? The only ice rink in town was less than suitable for NHL play. To call the St. Louis Arena a white elephant is being charitable. It was a disaster area.

Yet, the Arena was one of the reasons





St. Louis was awarded an NHL franchise. In 1966, the old barn at Oakland Avenue was owned by Arthur Wirtz, who also happened to own the Chicago Black Hawks. The property seemed of little value—and in fact had gone without any takers when rumored for sale for only \$150,000 a few years earlier. But if St. Louis were given an NHL franchise, the Arena suddenly might become a marketable holding.

And that's exactly what happened. When Sidney Salomon Jr., a prominent St. Louis insurance executive, bought the Arena from Wirtz for \$4,000,000, the sale was contingent upon Salomon being awarded an NHL franchise. The first thing Salomon ordered was a \$1,500,000 renovation of the Arena.

Prior to the renovation, anyone wandering through the cavernous building did so at his own risk. Today, it ranks as one of the finest, cleanest hockey arenas in North America.

"The first year I was in the building, I never went to the rest room there," said Gus Kyle, who had been the coach of Chicago's farm team in the Central Hockey League, the St. Louis Braves. "It was so dirty, I used to walk down the street to a gas station."

Kyle stayed on with the Salomons, serving as director of ticket sales for the Blues.

"Now, it's one of the cleanest buildings in the League," said Kyle, who recently moved to Denver to serve as ticket manager for the Blues' farm team there.

Okay, so the building became suitable for the NHL, but the St. Louis problems seemed to go a lot deeper after the first expansion draft was completed in June of 1967.

The Blues drafted reasonably well. Most experts rated them to make a run for the playoffs, but the Blues got off

to a poor start. Lynn Patrick stepped down as coach after only 16 games, choosing instead to remain as general manager and hand the coaching chores to a fellow who then was 34 years and was without any NHL coaching experience—a fellow named Scotty Bowman.

Bowman led the Blues to the finals of the Stanley Cup playoffs three straight years. In the two seasons (1968-69 and 1969-70) that Bowman was coach for the entire schedule, the Blues had an incredible record of 31 wins, five ties and only four losses at home against West Division opposition.

"The fans meant a goal a game to us," said Bowman.

The St. Louis fans, spurred on by organist Norm Kramer, reacted to their team more like you might expect college football fans to react. There was plenty to cheer about in those years and the roar could be almost deafening.

Red Kelly, then coaching the Pittsburgh Penguins, actually wore a pair of ear muffs for one game at the St. Louis Arena.

"It was the only way I could hear myself think in that building," said Kelly.

The crowd effect in St. Louis is something that almost every visiting team coach worries about. Bowman, now with the Montreal Canadiens, took that into consideration in selecting his starting goalie for a game last season.

Ken Dryden was out with a back injury. The choice was between rookies Wayne Thomas and Michel Plasse. Thomas had been beaten only once in nine starts since Dryden's injury. Plasse had not started a game in almost two months.

So Bowman chose Plasse. Why?

"I knew that he had played in this building once before and Thomas hadn't," said Bowman. "This isn't the

easiest building to play in for the first time because all the noise takes some getting used to."

Plasse's previous game in St. Louis had come two years earlier when he played in goal for the Blues, who then were coached by Bowman.

"I remembered that Plasse has played very well in that game, against Los Angeles," said Bowman. "We won 4-3 and, as I recall, Los Angeles pretty well dominated the play and outshot us by a large margin."

Plasse came through a second time for Bowman, helping the Canadiens to a 3-3 tie in the night in question last year, despite a 38-shot barrage by the Blues.

The Blues' home ice record the last two seasons hasn't been quite as sensational as those earlier years, but the team's fans continue to pour through the turnstiles in record numbers and the cheering is just as loud—perhaps because there are more fans to do the cheering now.

When the Blues opened play six years ago, the Arena had a seating capacity of 14,200 and in that first year the Blues averaged 8897 per game. Since then, the seating capacity has been expanded to its present 18,006 and standing-room-only is the order of business for every home game. Last year the team averaged 18,617, including an announced NHL single-game record of 20,009 for the final game of the season.

But perhaps the biggest single sign of hockey's total success in St. Louis can best be told by Walter Geissler, owner of one of the city's largest sporting good stores:

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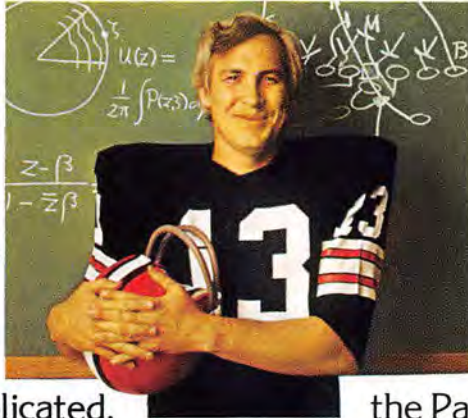
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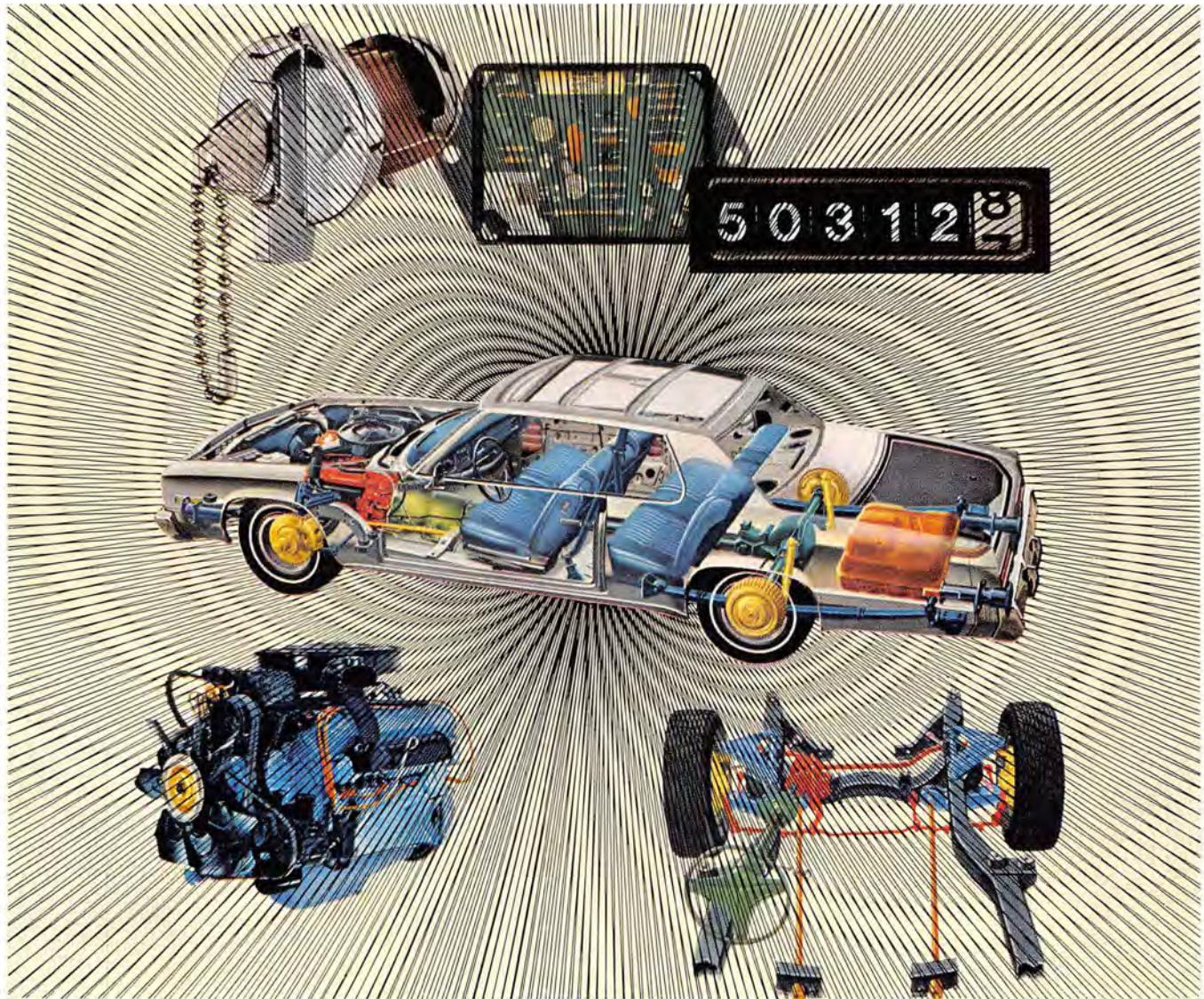
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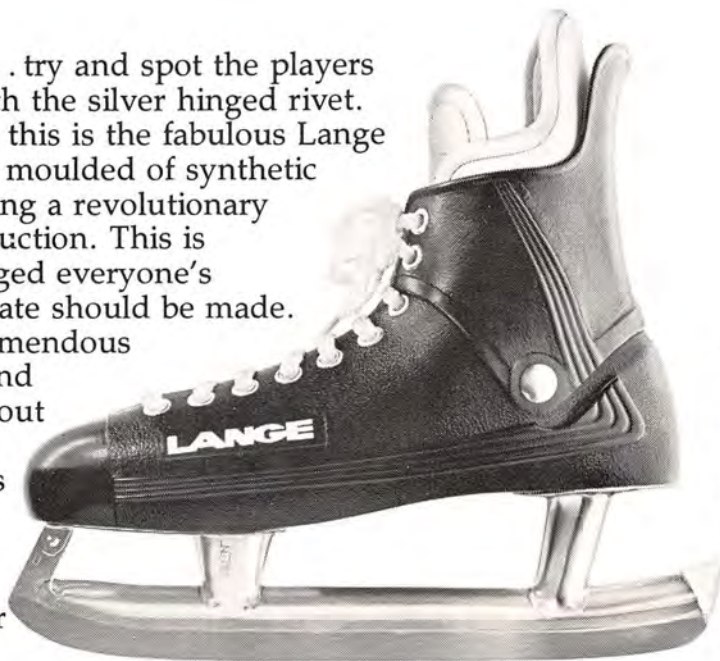
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Chicago Stadium clientele because he rarely seems to be taking a serious approach to the game. Yet, his staunchest defender is the Hawks' coach, Billy Reay.

"They don't appreciate what Jimmy's doing out there," maintains Reay. "He's a tall guy (6-1) and he doesn't waste any motion. So, sometimes I think the people confuse that for not working hard. But you've seen players who skate all over the ice, and what do they accomplish? You can't confuse all that motion for necessarily getting things done.

"I suppose," the coach continues, "if Jimmy weren't so tall and didn't take such long strides, he'd look like he was exerting himself as much as the guy who takes the short, choppy strides. But Papin has tremendous anticipation and reflexes. I can tell you that his defensive record pleases me, and show you that anybody he plays with will go well."

Papin is also one of the best clutch players in the league. Three years ago in the opening game of the Stanley Cup final his goal in the second overtime sudden death period gave the Hawks a 2-1 victory over the Montreal Canadiens.

Jim led the Hawks in goals last season with 41, two more than Dennis Hull. He added 51 assists for 92 points, finishing 10th in the league. He was named to play in the 1973 All-Star game for the first time since the East-West midseason contest was introduced in 1968. "It was an honor," he says. "I played in the game when I was with Toronto and the Stanley Cup winner would play the rest of the league. But this was different."

Jim spent several of his early professional campaigns commuting between Toronto and its minor league affiliate, the Rochester Americans of

the American League. The Leafs played a tight, clutch-and-grab defensive style. Pappin, in the opinion of General Manager-Coach Punch Imlach, was not a two-way player.

Near the end of the 1966-67 season, after scoring 21 goals for Toronto, Pappin found himself on his way to Rochester. But when the playoffs started he was back up again, and he led the Leafs to the Cup title, topping all scorers with 15 points in 12 games.

The following February, though, Jimmy again was shipped to Rochester. When he was told about the move, he stormed out of the dressing room and took off on a skiing expedition in Northern Canada. Eventually he cooled off and reported to the AHL team. Three months later he was traded to Chicago for defenseman Pierre Pilote.

Reay, who had coached Sault Ste. Marie in the Eastern Pro League in the early 1960's, had been very much impressed by Pappin when he played for Sudbury of the same circuit. "When you see a kid like that, you don't forget him —no matter who he's playing for," Reay explains. "You just take his name and file it away somewhere. And if he ever becomes available, you grab him."

Pappin himself was grabbed by fear while relaxing at home during the summer of 1970. "I went to have a soft drink," he remembers, "and the soda just dribbled out of the corner of my mouth. I looked in the mirror and the whole left side of my face was sagging . . . dropping down. I thought I had polio." What he had was Bell's Palsy, an ailment that affects certain muscular control.

Pappin was stricken in August and was unavailable to the Hawks at the start of the 1970-71 season. "For almost four months," he recounts, "I had no movement in the left side of my face. The only good thing about it was that I

didn't have to go to training camp. I watched a lot of baseball games while the other guys were getting in shape." When Pappin got into shape, he came on strong and finished with 22 goals plus 10 more in 18 playoff games.

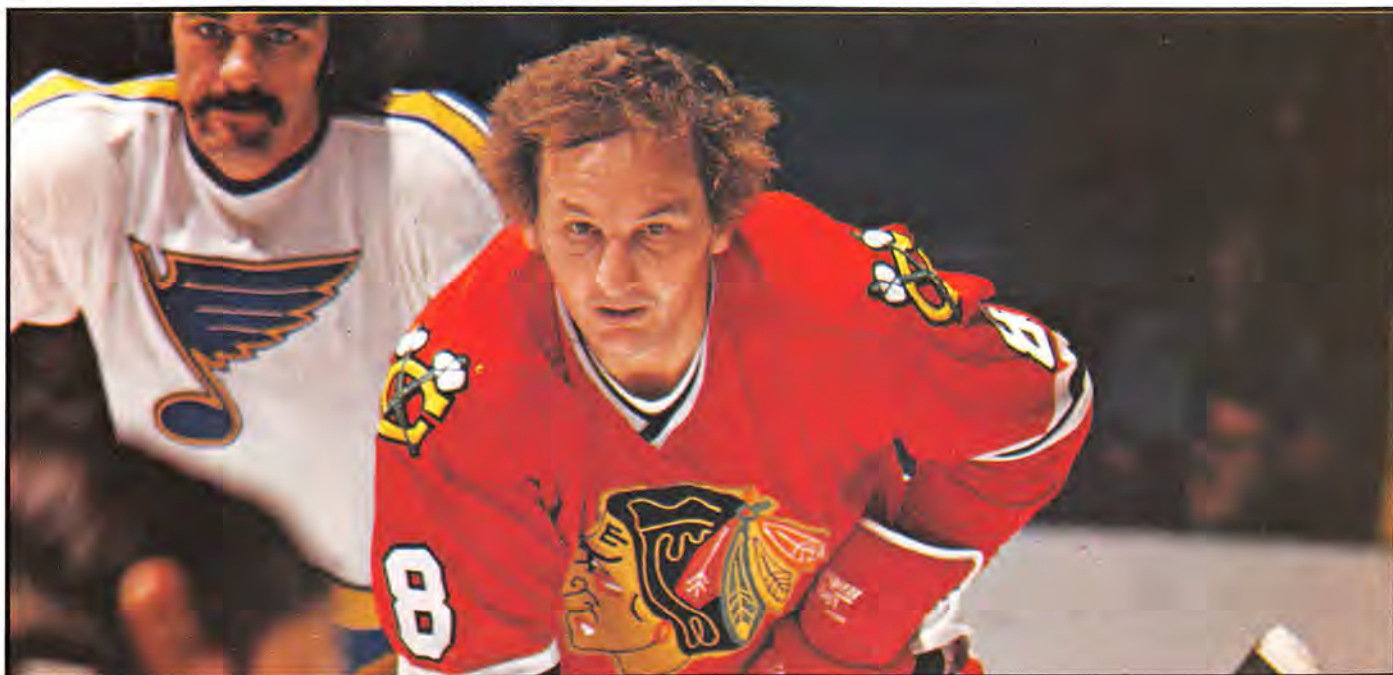
Jim's linemates are Pit Martin at center and Dennis Hull on the left side. The line is referred to as the MPH line and is rated the best in the league by many writers and broadcasters. However, Pappin claims the trio gets little recognition. He argues, "We've been right up among the top scoring lines in the league for the past few years. But you never hear us mentioned in the same breath with Phil Esposito's line in Boston or Jean Ratelle's line in New York. That's probably a help, though. Maybe if we were better known around the league, the other teams would start paying more attention to us."

Pappin is paid well by the Black Hawks, but his contract doesn't include any bonus clauses. "I have no bonuses —none that I know of," he reveals. "I never ask for any, because I don't believe in individual play. I don't play for the money . . . I play for the love of it."

He also plays while injured. In the game on January 24th, 1973 against the Vancouver Canucks, Pappin had irked a large segment of the Chicago crowd by missing some shots from in close, throwing away a few passes and effecting a casual attitude at times. What most people didn't know was that Jim was in pain, the effect of a severe cold in his lower back.

However, with only 2:36 left to play and the Hawks trailing 3-2, Pappin took a pass from Martin, got in behind the Vancouver defense and drove a 20-footer into the cage for the tying marker.

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# WINNING ISN'T EASY, IT'S A HABIT.

BY RED FISHER  
Montreal Star

**T**hink back over the last two decades and try to crystalize in your mind when was the last time or, perhaps, how many times, Canadiens weren't the team to beat going into a new season?

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This is a team that has made winning a habit — not only during the regular season, but in the playoffs, as well. Is anybody ever likely to forget the five straight Stanley Cups won by Canadiens from 1956 through 1960. There have been others since then — six more. Put that achievement up against a team like New York, for example, which must go back to 1940 for its last Stanley Cup, and that gives most people, if indeed they need a comparison, a good idea of what winning and Canadiens mean to the National Hockey League.

The team's mystique of winning boggles the mind, at times. What is it about this organization that has made winning into a career? Is it the flood of superstars on the team? Is it good management? Is it a style of play?

It is probably a combination of all of these things — plus an uncanny depth that produces when it's needed and as often as it's needed.

Last season can be used as a case in point:

Canadiens had gone into the season lumped with New York as the strongest contenders to finish in first place. The Boston Bruins also had attracted a good deal of attention, largely because they were the reigning Stanley Cup champions. However, personnel losses had cut deeply into the roster, and the injury to Bobby Orr also had hurt badly. So, Canadiens and Rangers . . .

The Rangers lost a lot of ground during the regular season with injuries to key personnel. Brad Park missed about one-third of the season. Jim Neilson was out. Bruce MacGregor was hurt.

Ted Irvine. Peter Stenkowski. Eventually, the injuries eliminated New York from the race for first place, but if you're thinking that's what put Canadiens into first place, you're wrong. The fact is, Canadiens were hurt almost as badly during the regular season, but the difference between the teams was that people came off the Montreal bench and made it work. The Rangers couldn't match Canadiens' depth, at least in productivity.

Midway through the season, Ken Dryden developed a back injury. How often have you heard from hockey people that without Dryden, Canadiens would be in deep trouble. Hadn't he beaten the Bruins in the playoffs almost singlehandedly a couple of seasons earlier? Doesn't he always make the big stop for Canadiens early in the game so that the team can come back with important, winning goals?

Dryden is out, so along comes Wayne Thomas, who is the No. 3 goaltender on the roster. In his first game, he scores a shutout. He goes on from there to turn back team after team.

Dryden was out of action for nearly a month. Between Thomas and Michel Plasse, who is listed as the No. 2 goaltender on the team, Canadiens managed to lose only one game during Dryden's absence.

Without question, the best defenseman on the Canadiens team during the early part of the season was Jacques Laperriere. Solid, steady, low-key . . . Laperriere was the cement on the team.

Laperriere was injured. He's likely to be on the sidelines for a lengthy period. What now?

What happens now is that Canadiens turn to the bench. They look to people like Bob Murdoch and Pierre Bouchard to fill the gap left by Laperriere's absence. They dip into the minors, eventually, and promote Larry Robinson. What also happens is that in the ab-

sence of Laperriere, Guy Lapointe takes over the role of leadership. Now, he's no longer merely the hard-hitting, hard-rushing, fun-loving Lapointe. He is the leader, and he retains that quality even after Laperriere returns. He retains it to the point where he is voted to the NHL's first all-star team.

Peter Mahovlich, a big, strong left-winger who can play several positions and handle numerous duties on a team, dislocates his kneecap in a game at Los Angeles. The injury comes at a crucial point in the season. Where does the team get a replacement?

Coach William Scotty Bowman crooks a finger at the bench and now Steve Shutt — who has missed a lot of action because he's one of several "extra" men on the roster—is put to work, just as he was when Chuck Lefley was lost for several weeks. Yvan Cournoyer is hurt, and Jim Roberts, a utility man, is given a regular role to go along with his penalty-killing responsibilities.

Canadiens probably did not lose as many man-hours through injuries as the Rangers, for example, but the team had more than its share. The team had a sufficient number, for example, to be hurt badly, but the awesome depth of the team pulled it through to the point where at no time did the team fall into a slump which often afflicts teams with injuries.

Depth isn't some magical potion which is developed by chance or luck. In the final analysis, it comes down to management people developing a roster which can be employed in several ways and used to advantage when the occasion demands it. It's patience with young hockey players. It's keeping them satisfied and ready, even though they don't see regular action.

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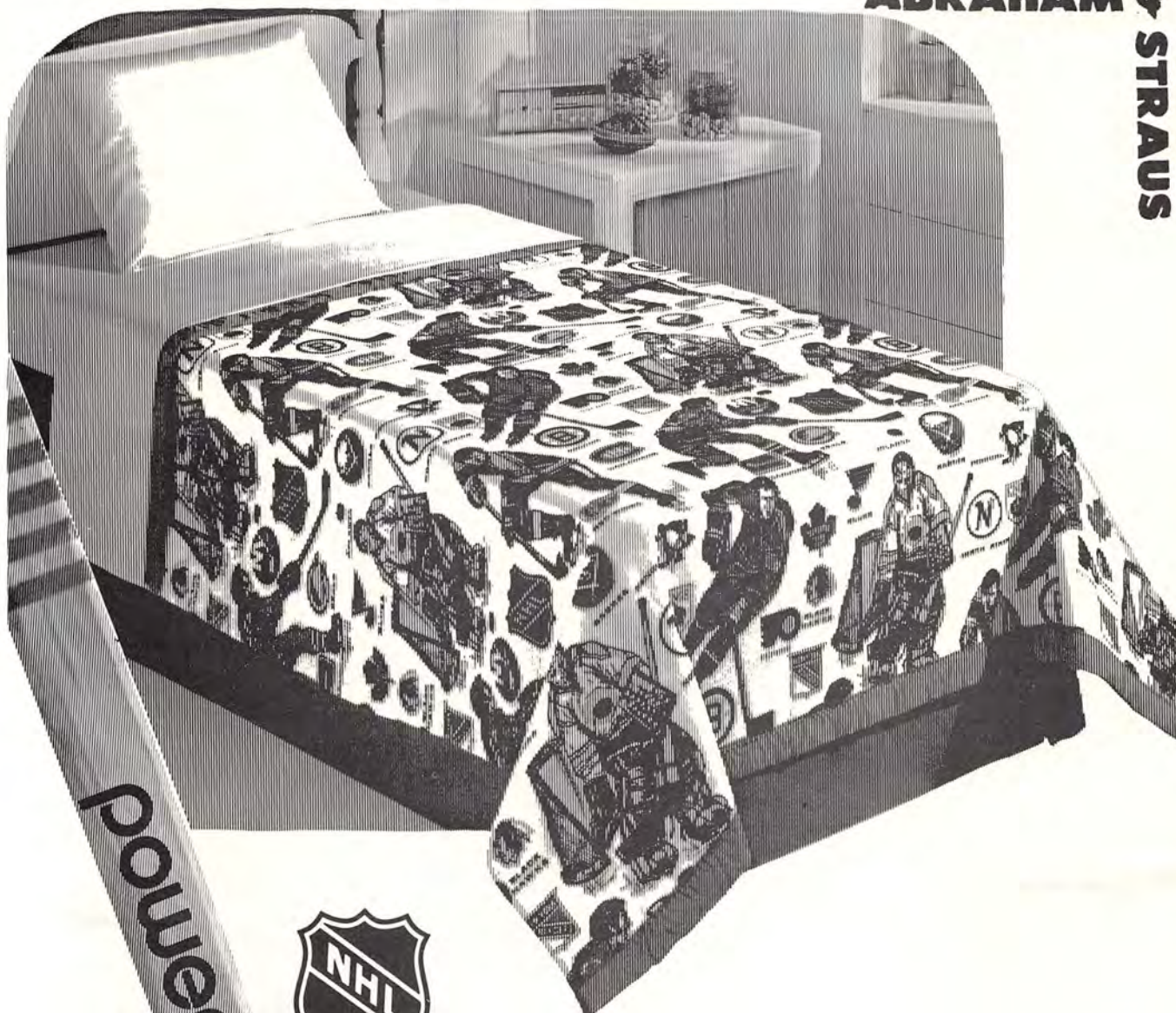


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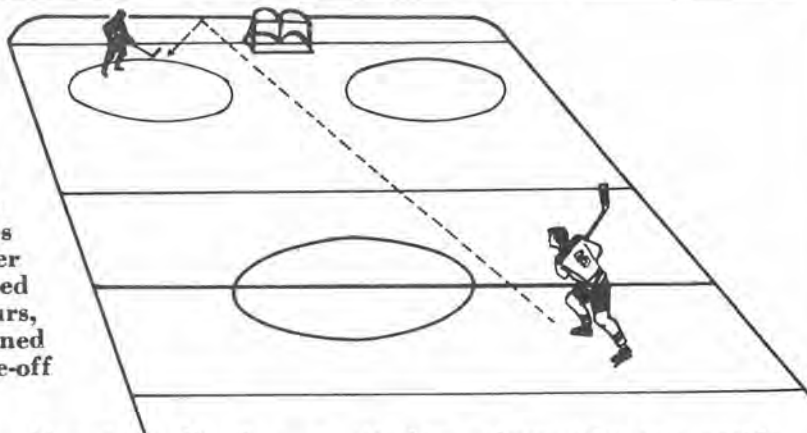
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## 1. ICING THE PUCK

Icing the puck is *not* permitted when the teams are at *equal numerical strength*. Thus it is an infraction when a player on his team's side of the red center line shoots the puck all the way down the ice, it crosses the red goal line at any point other than the goal itself and is first touched by a defending player. When this occurs, play is stopped and the puck is returned to the other end of the ice for a face-off in the offending team's zone.

Icing the puck is *not* called if:

- a) the goalie plays the puck by leaving his net;
- b) if puck cuts across part of the goal crease;
- c) when a defending opponent, in the judgment of the lineman, could have played the puck before it crossed the red goal line;
- d) when an attacking player who was onside (in the same zone) when the puck was shot down the ice, manages to touch it first; and
- e) when a team is playing shorthanded because of a penalty or penalties.



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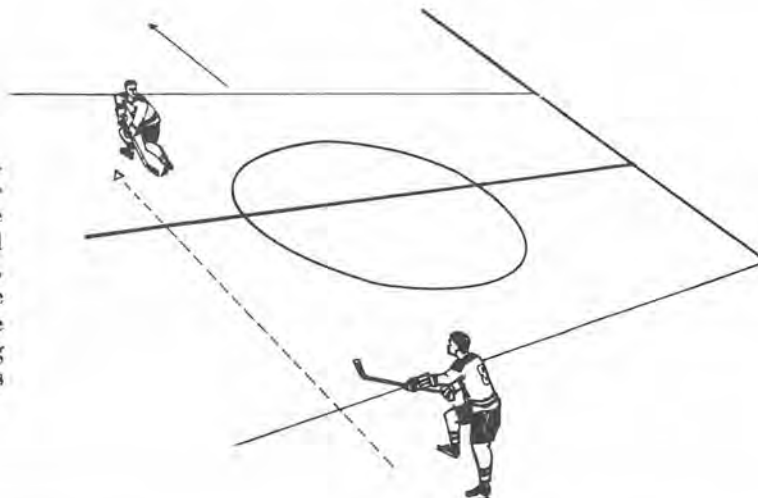
### OFFSIDE

A team is offside when any member of the attacking team precedes the puck carrier over the defending team's blue line. The position of the player's skates and not that of his stick is the determining factor. If both skates are over the blue line before the puck, the player is offside. If he has only one skate over the blue line and one on it, he is onside.

## 3.

### OFFSIDE PASS

When a player passes the puck from his defending zone to a teammate beyond the center red line (thus crossing the blue line and the red line) it is an offside pass. The position of the puck (not the player's skates in this case) is the determining factor in deciding from which zone the pass was made.

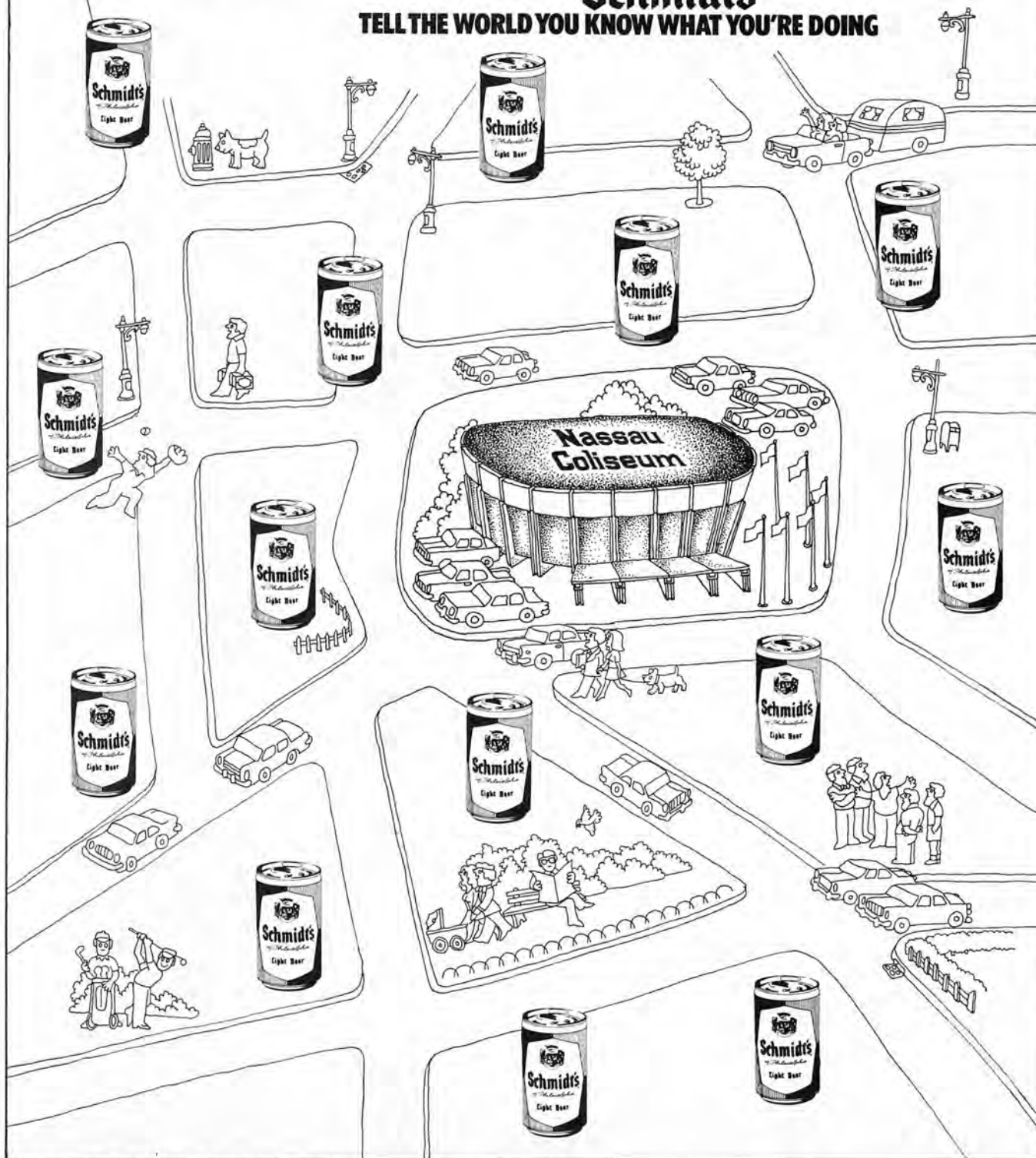


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* FRANK MAHOVLICH	TOR., DET., MTL.	16	1,110	502
* NORM ULLMAN	DET., TOR.	18	1,252	459
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PLAYER	TEAM	SEASONS	GAMES	GOALS	ASSISTS	POINTS
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* ALEX DELVECCHIO	DET.	22	1,538	455	821	1,276
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GORDIE HOWE	DET.	25	1,687	1,643
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"Stop shaking me . . . what time is it?"

"It's 3:30 in the morning. What have you been doing, dreaming about something wild? I heard you yell, 'goal . . . goal', 'goal'."

"Barbara, you won't believe me, but I had the wildest dream I've ever had in my life . . . and it lasted through four playoff games. Baby, did I have a dream."

"Well, tell me, what did you dream, . . . the Islanders won the Stanley Cup or something?"

"Well . . . no . . . that is . . . not yet . . . you woke me up just as Garry Howatt scored in sudden death overtime of the fourth game . . . and Islanders were leading the Bruins, three games to one in the playoffs."

"What year, Ernie? 1985?"

"Aw honey, what are you kiddin' for? Say, come to think of it, there was no year . . . it was just the playoffs and the Islanders were playing Boston. It could have been any year . . . this year . . . naw, it couldn't have been this year . . . yeah, maybe next season. Yeah, we must have knocked out Philly in the first round and then crossed over and played Boston. You know, Barbara, they realign into four divisions next season."

"Ernie, now don't tell me you dreamt through four playoffs games?"

"Well, Barbara, I didn't dream through all 60 minutes of each game . . . you know . . . just the exciting parts. The first game, Islanders lose, 4-2. Yeah, I remember that one. We're down, 4-0, and the guys are nervous as all hell. But then we come on in the last six minutes."

"Bobby Nystrom gets into a pip of a fight with Terry O'Reilly and knocks him cold . . . and I mean cold. The Boston fans want Nystrom's scalp and Cashman's standing up on the bench dying to get a piece of Bobby, too. That picks our guys up, Denny Potvin hits a 50-footer and Eddie Westfall makes 'em eat a little crow by going around Vadnais and scoring."

"Yeah, we don't feel too bad. We

come alive at the end and I see Orr shaking his head. He smells something. The Islanders are not going to be easy, he's thinking."

"Ernie, tell me about the second game . . . I'm going into the kitchen and make some coffee. Do you want some toast? How about some cheese? Ernieeee . . . some cheese? Ernie, don't go back to sleep. I want to know what happened in the second game."

"The second game? Yeah, I'll have some cheese. Yeah, the second game . . . let's see. Oh, now I remember. Spencer gets a penalty for hooking and we're in trouble in the first minute. But Vadnais goofs . . . he tries to throw it over to Orr on the other point, but Westfall breaks up the middle and is on a breakaway. He beats the goalie . . . I don't even know who's in there . . . but it doesn't matter . . . along the ice . . . yeah, along the ice, and Boston coach Bep Guidolin is screaming."

"Then it's 2-0. I mean the Islanders made it 2-0 . . . just like that. Denny's barreling up ice with the puck and leads Billy Harris in. He breaks around Orr and hits the far corner. Bep Guidolin looks like he's having a stroke. It's 3-0 . . . then, 4-0 . . . and 5-0 . . . it's something like that 9-7 game the Islanders won last year . . . remember, Barbara? But I don't know what the final score is now. All I know is the Islanders won, because we're back in the Coliseum and Max is saying to me, 'Well, Ernie, it's 1-1, do you think we can do it?'"

"Say, am I in your dream, Ernie? I see where Max made it. What about Clare . . . I bet she's in it and I'm not."

"No you're not in it, Barbara, and neither is Clare. Just me and Max. Heh, speaking about Max, he turns pale because Espo scores on a power play and we're down by a goal inside three minutes."

"Then it happens, Barbara, then it happens . . . the wildest brawl ever at the Coliseum. It's Cashman against Denny . . . and O'Reilly and Nystrom again, and Derek's going against Howatt and Garry's laughing at Sanderson, and Bep Guidolin is

standing on the bench just screaming away at Howatt and Garry is laughing at Bep, too, and Nystrom's flattened O'Reilly again . . . well, it was just something else."

"What was the final score, Ernie?"

"The Islanders win, 4-3, Lorne Henning scores the winner out of a scramble with 1:20 left. The guys mob Lornie . . . They almost pull the rest of his hair out of his head."

"Ah, but game four . . . baby . . . that was the game."

"Some more coffee, Ernie?"

"We're down, 2-0, and Billy gets one with 4:20 left and Ralph Stewart shoots a 50-footer that the goalie never sees with 2:10 left. The Coliseum is going nuts. It takes nearly 20 minutes to clean up the ice. It's overtime, Barbara, it's overtime. Max is white. He sat in his seat during the intermission and didn't move. I said, 'Max . . . Max,' and he gives me that death smile."

"Al Arbour looks white, too. I look around . . . everybody looks white. I'm telling ya, it was a scene. Bep goes with Espo, Hodge, Cashman, Vadnais and No. 4. Al goes with Ralph, Cameron, Spencer, Denny and Jean."

"Then I look up and Espo's got Hodge breaking in all alone on Billy . . . It's all over . . . it's all over. No it isn't, no it isn't. Smitty beats 'em, he beats Hodge. The place is going nuts. There's no whistle . . . up and down . . . now they're changing lines on the fly . . . there goes Howatt . . . he gets behind Dallas Smith . . . Howie's in by himself . . . he's in . . . I don't believe it . . . Max is three shades whiter . . . Howie shoots . . . goal . . . goal . . . goal . . . Max, Max . . ."

"Oh, Ernie, I'm so sorry, I woke you. Have some more coffee, honey?"

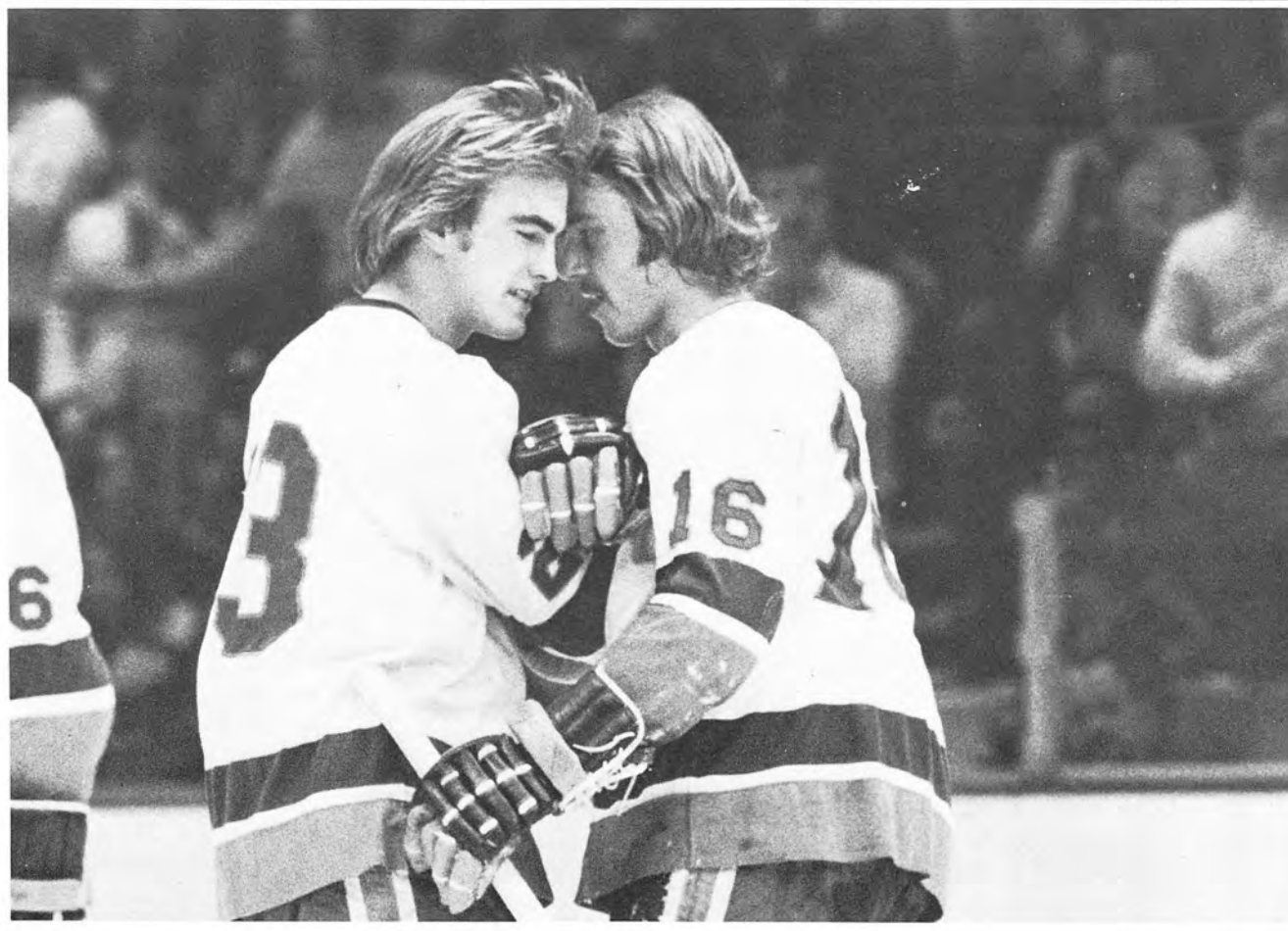
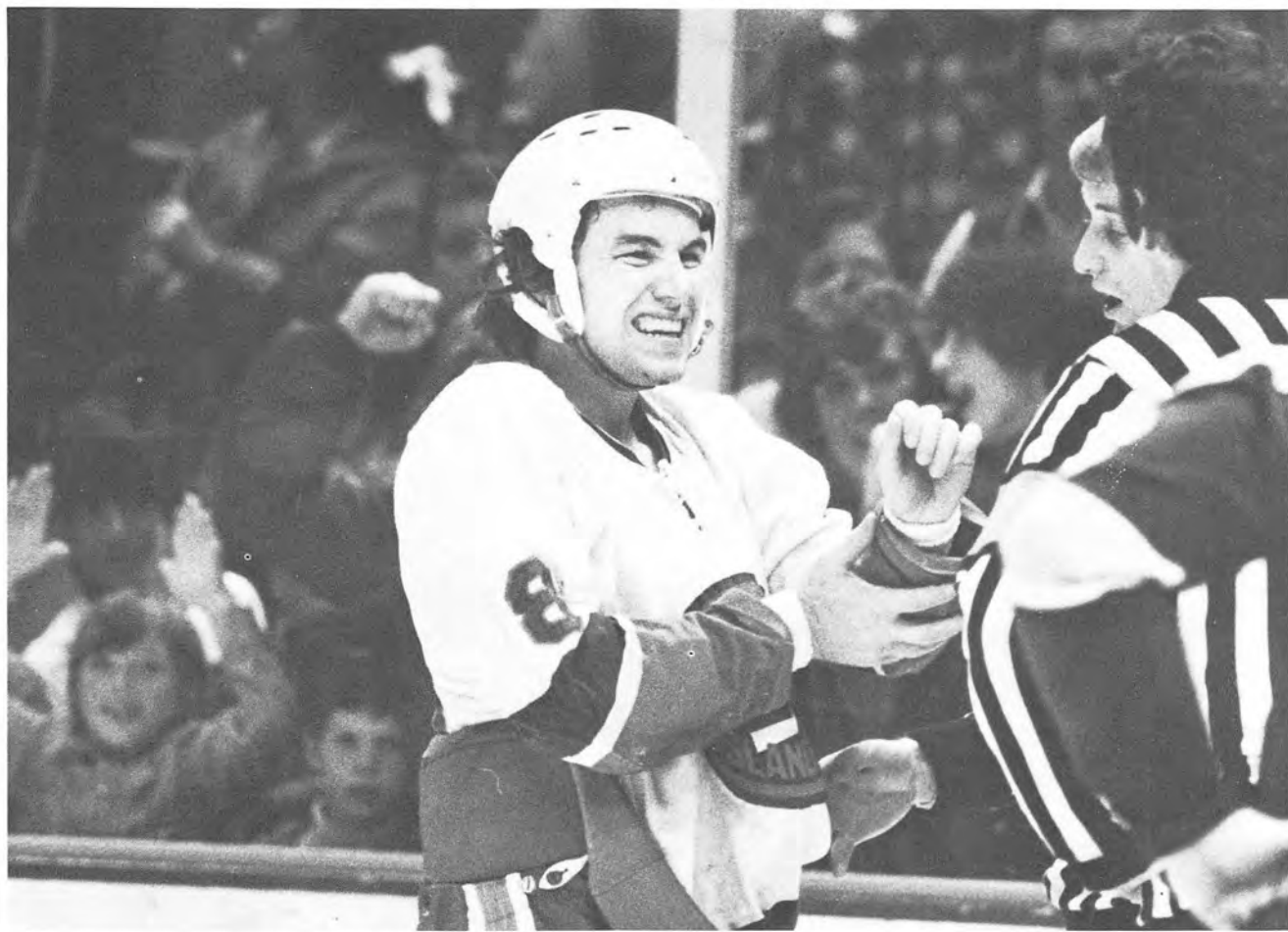
"Well, I'll never know what happened in game No. 5 . . . I'll never know."

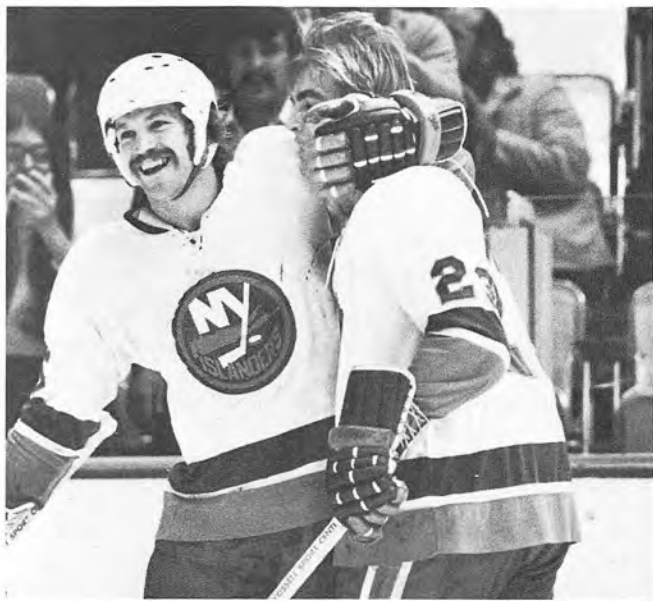
"Are you going to tell Max, about the dream, Ernie."

"No . . . he won't believe me."

"You mean, about the dream or that the Islanders were leading, three games to one?"

"No, that he turned three shades whiter."

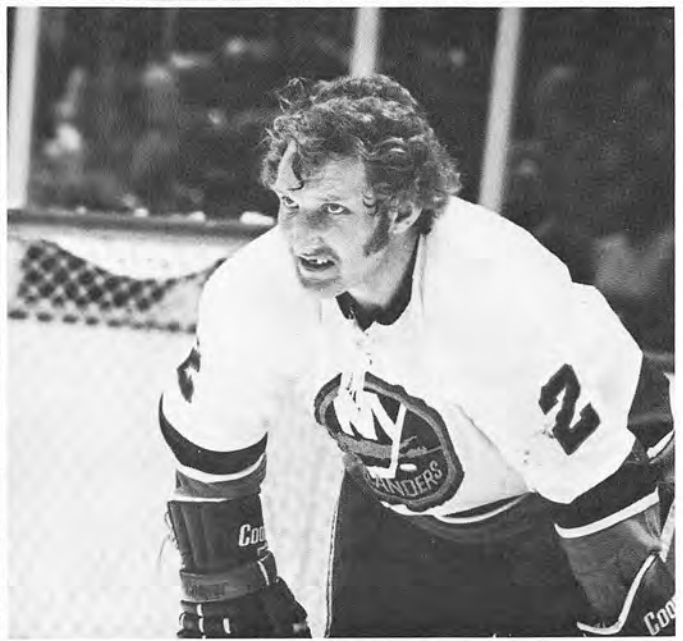
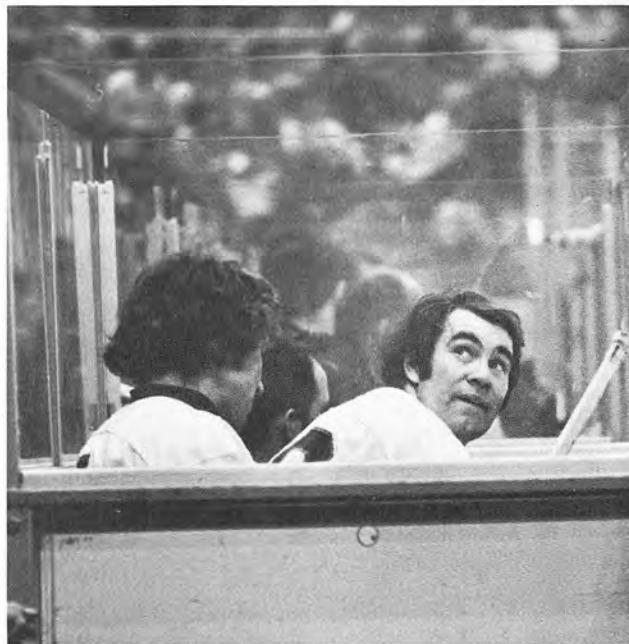




# Action Album by Paul Bereswill

Unlike some other sports where the athletes are shielded by either hats or face masks, hockey players are notorious for their utter disregard for life or limb.

With this in mind, Islander photographer Paul Bereswill set out to capture on film the many different moods of the team in game action.



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"I was still a kid, but I signed with the Montreal Canadiens organization, and I was sent to the Montreal Junior Canadiens of the OHA. They turned me pro in 1968, and I split the year with Vancouver of the WHL and Houston of the CHL.

The following year was spent with Kansas City of the Central League, where he finally played the entire schedule with one club. He cracked the 20 goal plateau for the first time as a pro that season, hitting for 21 goals and 21 assists.

"After that I was drafted by the Vancouver Canucks in their first expansion draft. I went to two training camps with them, but I never really got much of a chance. The first time they sent me to Rochester, the second time it was Seattle and Tidewater. Then Detroit got me."

In March of 1972, Stewie was traded by the Canucks to the Wings even up for Jim Nickamp, hardly a trade of enormous proportions at the time. Ralph finished up the rest of the year with Detroit's Central League affiliate at Fort Worth.

The following year, Ralph began to put it together. After suffering the disap-

pointment of failing to make the Red Wings following a good training camp, Stewart began to set the Central League on fire. After 39 games he was leading the league in scoring with 29 goals and 36 assists for 65 points.

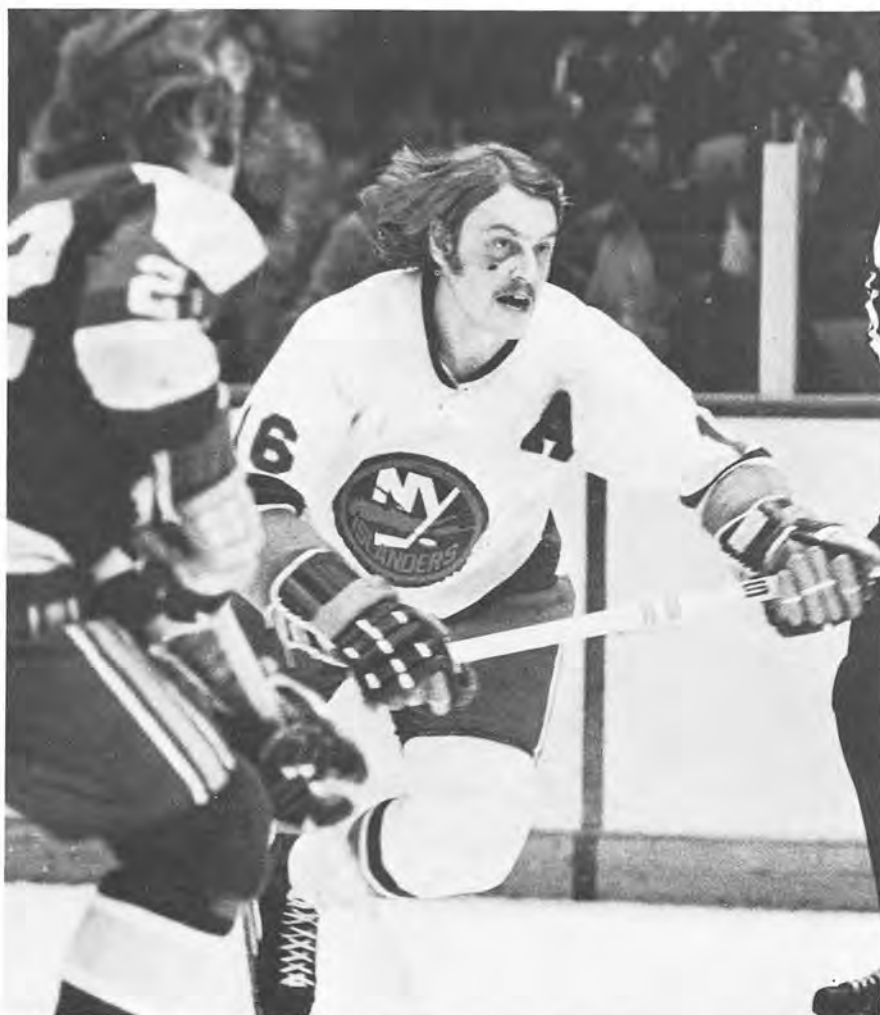
Still, he did not fit into Detroit's long-range plans. Then on January 17, 1973 he became an Islander.

Looking for some additional scoring punch, General Manager Bill Torrey was willing to give up defenseman Ken Murray and checker Brian Lavender for Stewart and another youngster who had never been given a real chance—Bob Cook. The Islanders began reaping the benefits the next night when the two newcomers were instrumental in the squad's unforgettable 9-7 victory over the Bruins at the Boston Garden.

"I really didn't know what to expect when I found out that I was traded to the Islanders," says Ralph. "All I knew was that they were a last-place club, and that I would probably get a chance to play. All you could really do was try."

"My first impression with the NHL was that everybody here is tough. They have to be or else they wouldn't be in the league. I knew right off the bat I'd have to do a better job."

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Ralph likes to shoot the puck towards the goal and chase the rebounds.



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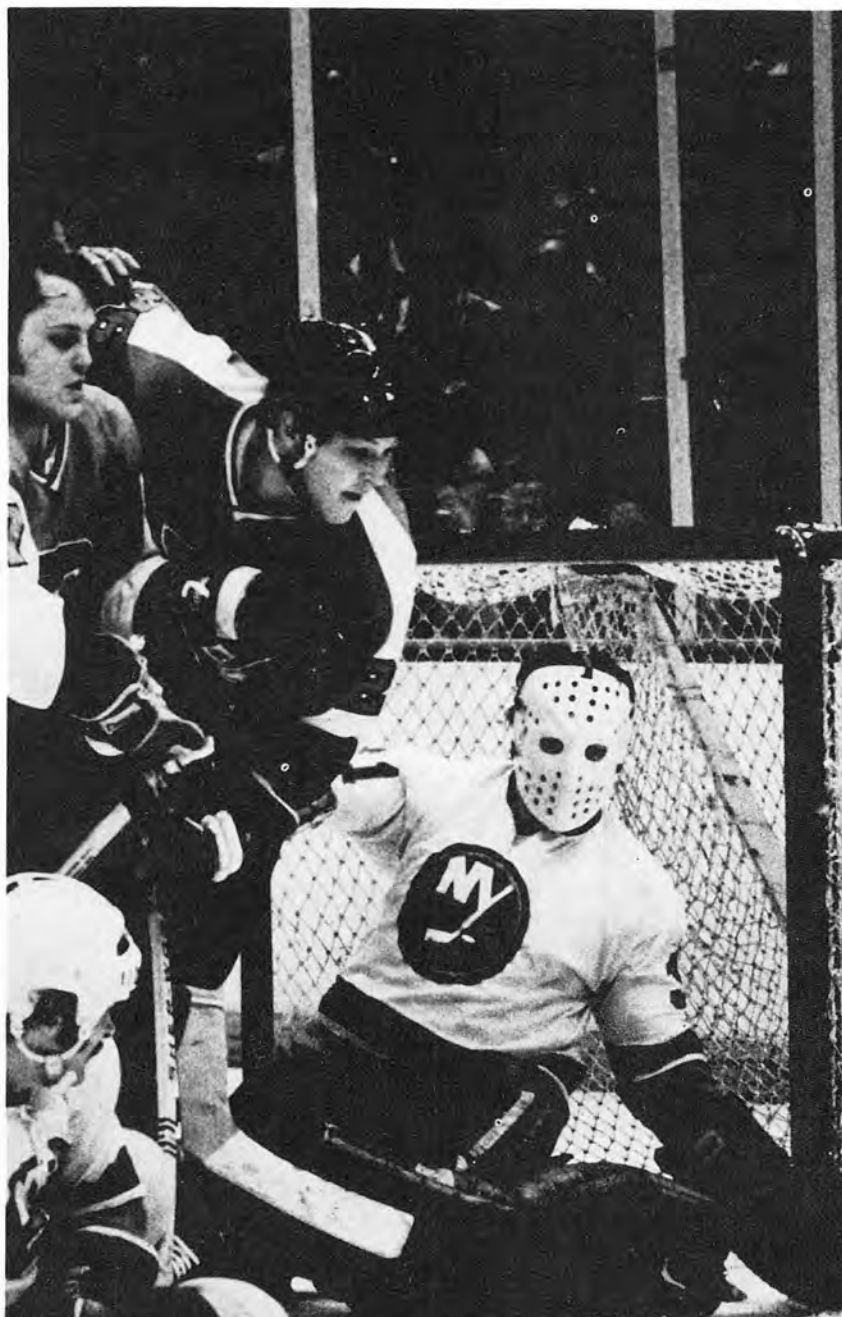
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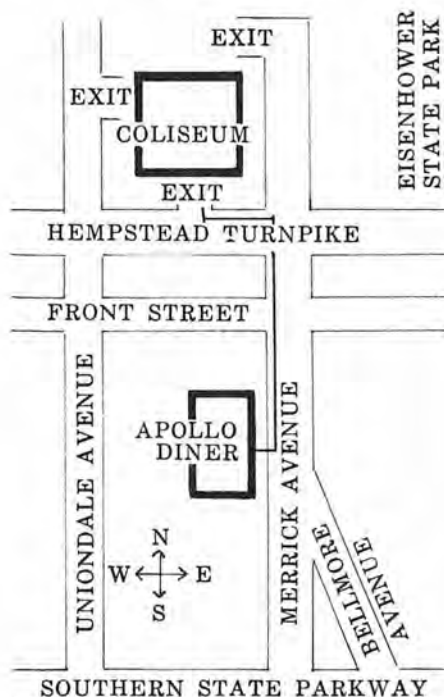
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Saturday	— 20	Buffalo
Thursday	— 25	Minnesota
Saturday	— 27	N.Y. Rangers

## NOVEMBER

Thursday	— 1	Toronto
Saturday	— 3	Boston
Tuesday	— 20	Toronto
Thursday	— 22	Detroit
Tuesday	— 27	Atlanta

## DECEMBER

Saturday	— 1	Philadelphia
Tuesday	— 4	St. Louis
Thursday	— 6	Montreal
Tuesday	— 11	California
Saturday	— 15	Chicago
Tuesday	— 18	Vancouver
Sunday	— 23	Montreal

## 1974 JANUARY

Thursday	— 3	Vancouver
Saturday	— 5	Boston
Tuesday	— 8	Los Angeles
Tuesday	— 15	Atlanta
Saturday	— 19	Buffalo
Tuesday	— 22	California
Saturday	— 26	Boston

## FEBRUARY

Tuesday	— 5	Minnesota
Saturday	— 9	Pittsburgh
Tuesday	— 12	Atlanta
Saturday	— 16	Chicago
Tuesday	— 19	Montreal
Tuesday	— 26	Vancouver
Thursday	— 28	Toronto

## MARCH

Tuesday	— 5	Pittsburgh
Saturday	— 9	Detroit
Tuesday	— 12	Philadelphia
Saturday	— 16	N.Y. Rangers
Tuesday	— 19	St. Louis
Saturday	— 23	Buffalo

## APRIL

Tuesday	— 2	Pittsburgh
Saturday	— 6	Minnesota

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# Road Schedule

## 1973 OCTOBER

Wednesday — 10 ..... at Atlanta  
 Sunday — 14 ..... at Boston  
 Sunday — 21 ..... at Chicago  
 Sunday — 28 ..... at Buffalo

## NOVEMBER

Wednesday — 7 ..... at Pittsburgh  
 Saturday — 10 ..... at Toronto  
 Sunday — 11 ..... at N.Y. Rangers  
 Wednesday — 14 ..... at Detroit  
 Saturday — 17 ..... at St. Louis  
 Saturday — 24 ..... at Detroit

## DECEMBER

Sunday — 2 ..... at Boston  
 Saturday — 8 ..... at Montreal  
 Thursday — 13 ..... at Los Angeles  
 Sunday — 16 ..... at Philadelphia  
 Saturday — 22 ..... at St. Louis  
 Wednesday — 26 ..... at Minnesota  
 Friday — 28 ..... at California  
 Saturday — 29 ..... at Vancouver

## 1974 JANUARY

Wednesday — 2 ..... at Chicago  
 Thursday — 10 ..... at Montreal  
 Saturday — 12 ..... at Minnesota  
 Sunday — 27 ..... at Chicago  
 Thursday — 31 ..... at Los Angeles

## FEBRUARY

Saturday — 2 ..... at Vancouver  
 Sunday — 3 ..... at California  
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 Thursday — 14 ..... at St. Louis  
 Sunday — 24 ..... at Detroit

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1971-72	Boston Bruins	Tom Johnson
1970-71	Montreal Canadiens	Al MacNeil
1969-70	Boston Bruins	Harry Sinden
1968-69	Montreal Canadiens	Claude Ruel
1967-68	Montreal Canadiens	Toe Blake
1966-67	Toronto Maple Leafs	Punch Imlach
1965-66	Montreal Canadiens	Toe Blake
1964-65	Montreal Canadiens	Toe Blake
1963-64	Toronto Maple Leafs	Punch Imlach
1962-63	Toronto Maple Leafs	Punch Imlach
1961-62	Toronto Maple Leafs	Punch Imlach
1960-61	Chicago Black Hawks	Rudy Pilous
1959-60	Montreal Canadiens	Toe Blake
1958-59	Montreal Canadiens	Toe Blake
1957-58	Montreal Canadiens	Toe Blake
1956-57	Montreal Canadiens	Toe Blake
1955-56	Montreal Canadiens	Toe Blake
1954-55	Detroit Red Wings	Jimmy Skinner
1953-54	Detroit Red Wings	Tommy Ivan
1952-53	Montreal Canadiens	Dick Irvin
1951-52	Detroit Red Wings	Tommy Ivan
1950-51	Toronto Maple Leafs	Joe Primeau
1949-50	Detroit Red Wings	Tommy Ivan
1948-49	Toronto Maple Leafs	Hap Day
1947-48	Toronto Maple Leafs	Hap Day
1946-47	Toronto Maple Leafs	Hap Day
1945-46	Montreal Canadiens	Dick Irvin
1944-45	Toronto Maple Leafs	Hap Day
1943-44	Montreal Canadiens	Dick Irvin
1942-43	Detroit Red Wings	Jack Adams
1941-42	Toronto Maple Leafs	Hap Day
1940-41	Boston Bruins	Cooney Weiland
1939-40	New York Rangers	Frank Boucher
1938-39	Boston Bruins	Art Ross
1937-38	Chicago Black Hawks	Bill Stewart
1936-37	Detroit Red Wings	Jack Adams
1935-36	Detroit Red Wings	Jack Adams
1934-35	Montreal Maroons	Tommy Gorman
1933-34	Chicago Black Hawks	Tommy Gorman
1932-33	New York Rangers	Lester Patrick
1931-32	Toronto Maple Leafs	Dick Irvin
1930-31	Montreal Canadiens	Cecil Hart
1929-30	Montreal Canadiens	Cecil Hart
1928-29	Boston Bruins	Cy Denneny
1927-28	New York Rangers	Lester Patrick
1926-27	Ottawa Senators	Dave Gill
1925-26	Montreal Maroons	Eddie Gerard
1924-25	Victoria Cougars	Lester Patrick
1923-24	Montreal Canadiens	Leo Dandurand
1922-23	Ottawa Senators	Pete Green
1921-22	Toronto St. Pats	Eddie Powers
1920-21	Ottawa Senators	Pete Green
1919-20	Ottawa Senators	Pete Green
1918-19a	No decision	
1917-18	Toronto Arenas	Dick Carroll

a-In the spring of 1919 the Montreal Canadiens travelled to Seattle to meet Seattle, PCHL champions. After five games had been played - teams were tied at 2 wins each and a tie - the series was called off by the local Department of Health because of the influenza epidemic and the death from influenza of Joe Hail.



## STANLEY CUP WINNERS PRIOR TO FORMATION OF N.H.L. IN 1917

Season	Champions	Coach
1916-17	Seattle Metropolitans	Pete Muldoon
1915-16	Montreal Canadiens	George Kennedy
1914-15	Vancouver Millionaires	Frank Patrick
1913-14	Toronto Arenas	Scotty Davidson*
**1912-13	Quebec Bulldogs	Joe Malone*
1911-12	Quebec Bulldogs	C. Nolan
1910-11	Ottawa Senators	Percy LeSueur*
1909-10	Montreal Wanderers	Pud Glass*
1908-09	Ottawa Senators	Bruce Stuart*
1907-08	Montreal Wanderers	Cecil Blachford
1906-07	Kenora Thistles (Jan.)	Tommy Phillips*
1906-07	Montreal Wanderers (Mar.)	Cecil Blachford
1905-06	Montreal Wanderers	
1904-05	Ottawa Silver Seven	A. T. Smith
1903-04	Ottawa Silver Seven	A. T. Smith
1902-03	Ottawa Silver Seven	A. T. Smith
1901-02	Montreal A.A.A.	
1900-01	Winnipeg Victorias	Dan Bala*
1899-1900	Montreal Shamrocks	H. J. Trihey*
1898-99	Montreal Victorias (Feb.)	G. Drinkwater*
1898-99	Montreal Shamrocks (Mar.)	
1897-98	Montreal Victorias	F. Richardson
1896-97	Montreal Victorias	Mike Grant*
1895-96	Winnipeg Victorias	Dan Bain*
1894-95	Montreal Victorias	Mike Grant*
1893-94	Montreal A.A.A.	

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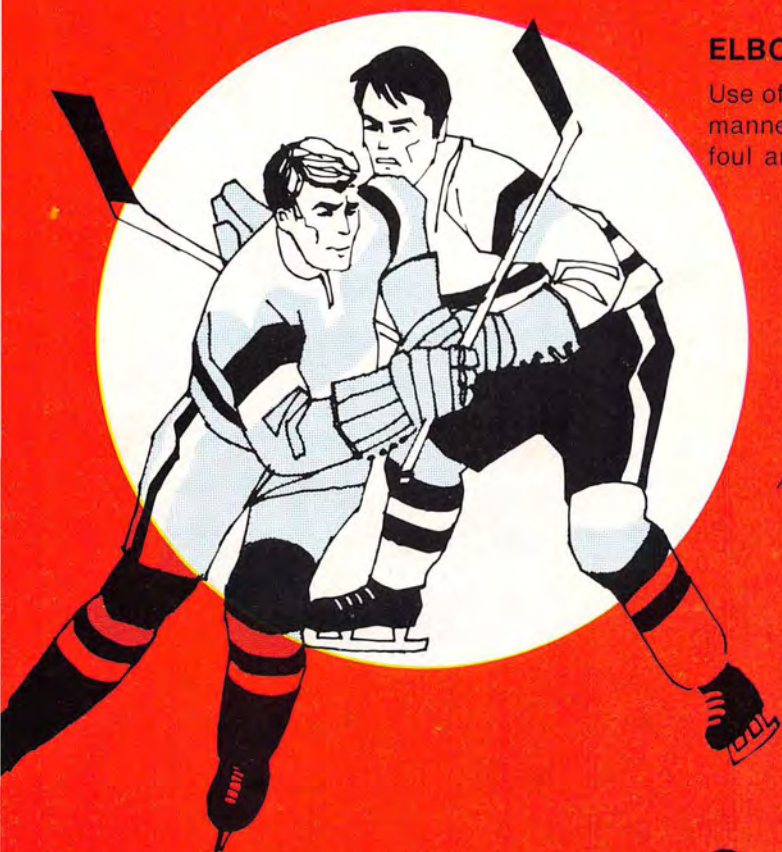
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## CROSS-CHECKING

A check or block delivered by a player with both hands on the stick and no part of the stick on the ice.



## CLOSING HAND ON THE PUCK (GOALKEEPER)

When a goalkeeper holds the puck with his hands for longer than three seconds, with no attacking players around or near the goal.



## HOLDING

Clutching opposing player's body with hands.



# MINOR PENALTIES

## TRIPPING

Upsetting player either through means of your foot or stick.



## HOOKING

The use of the stick in tripping or otherwise impeding the progress of an opponent.

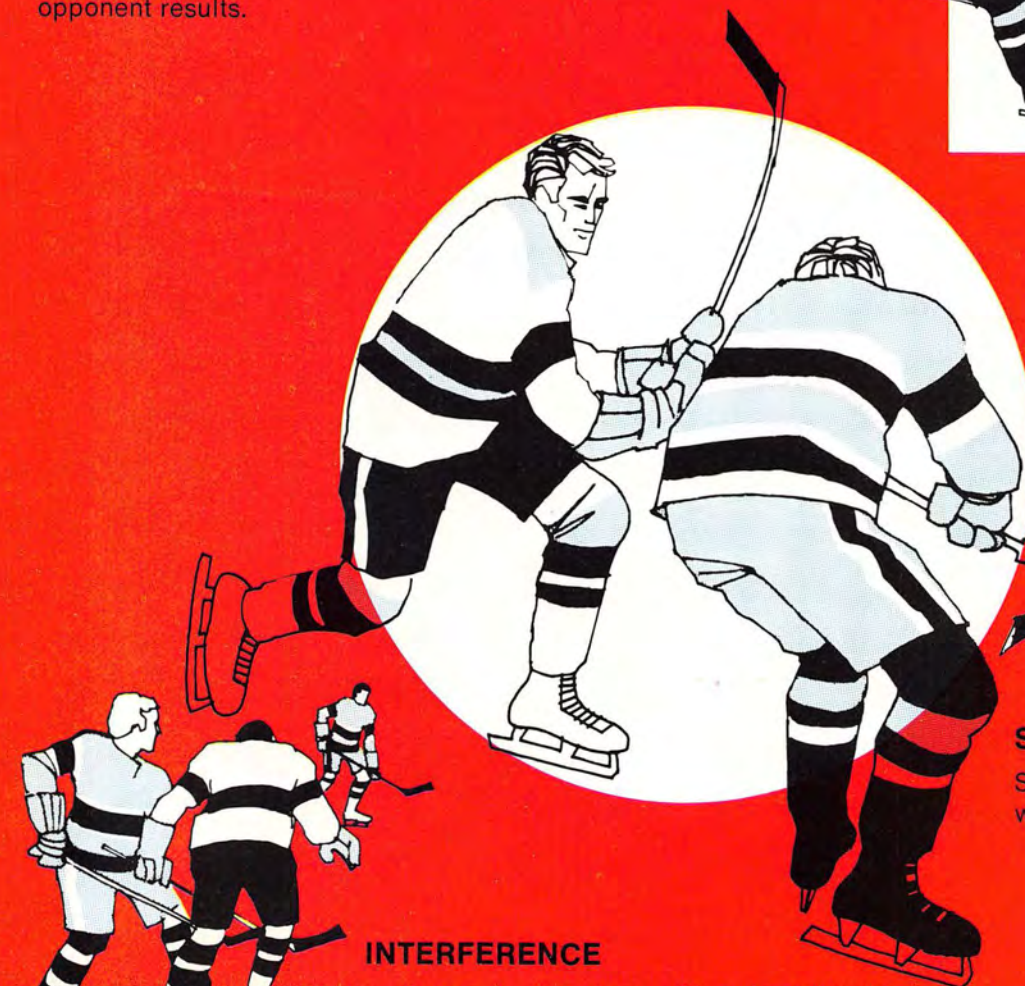
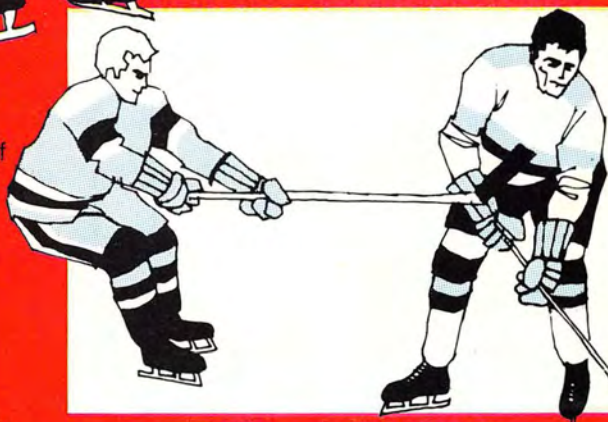


## HIGH STICKING

The carrying of sticks above the height of the shoulders, so that injury to the face or head of the opponent results.

## SPEARING

Jabbing blade end of stick into opposing player's body.



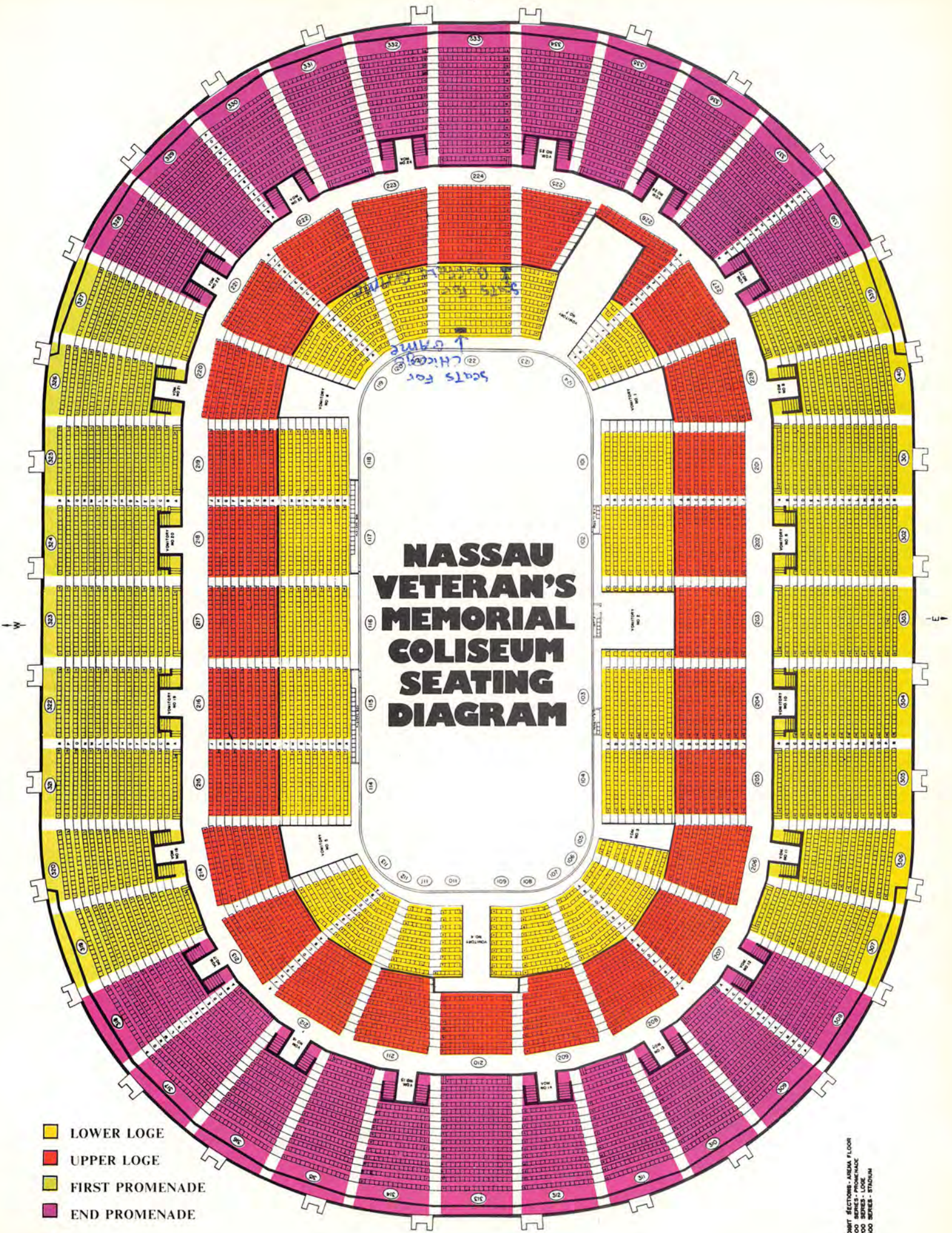
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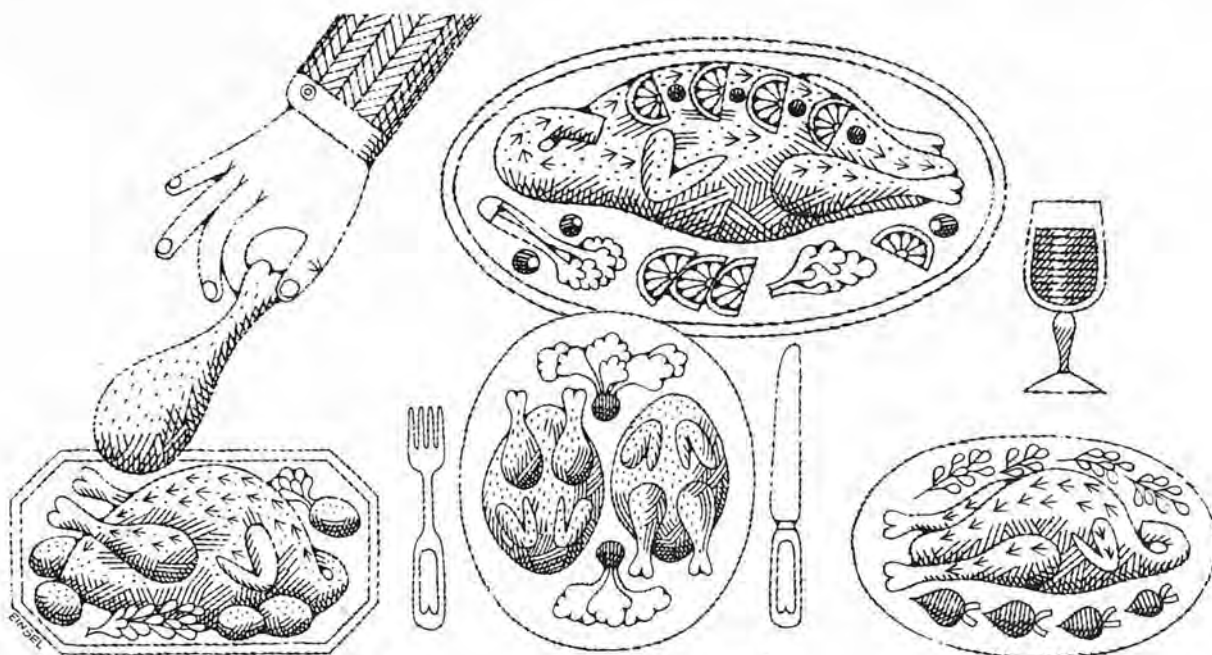
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## SLASHING

Striking opposing player with stick.







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Pounding the closed fist of one hand into the open palm of the other hand.



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Placing of both hands on hips several times and pointing to penalized player.



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Clasping either wrist with the other hand well in front of the chest.



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Tapping either elbow with the opposite hand.



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A series of tugging motions with both arms, as if pulling something toward the stomach.



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A series of forward and backward motions with both fists clenched extending from the chest.



## CHARGING

Rotating clenched fists around one another in front of chest.



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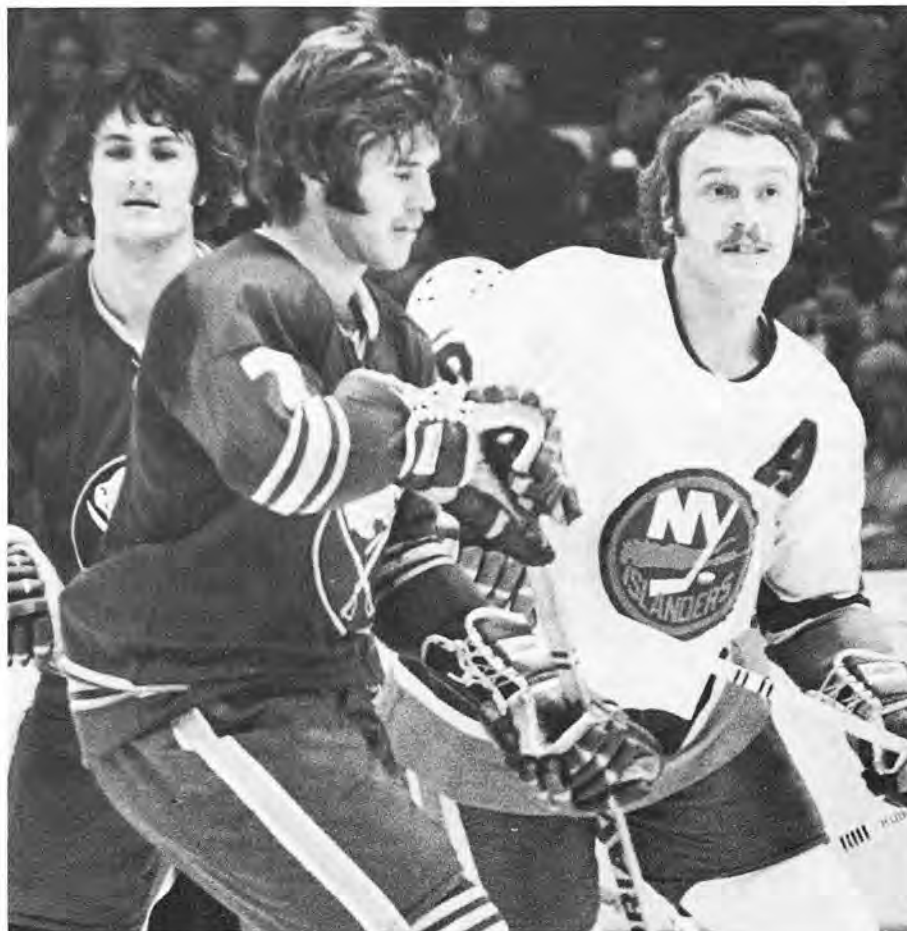
"I'm planning to buy some land way out in Suffolk County," he says. "Something like an acre and a half."

Now part of the Nassau-Suffolk scene for over a year, Ralph has plans of becoming a full-time Long Islander. "I'm planning to buy some land way out in Suffolk County," he says. "Something like an acre and a half. After that I'll probably buy a couple of horses and spread out."

As for now, Ralph shares a house in Manhasset with defenseman Gerry Hart. "It's a nice, big house, and we put in a great sound system. Folk music: you know, heavy stuff," he adds with a grin.

During the off-season, Stewie teaches at former Islander Ron Stewart's (no relation) hockey school at the Royal Ice Rink at King's Park where the Islanders practice. After a tremendously successful first semester, the school will be expanding two additional weeks this summer, giving Ralph some extra work.

The road to the NHL has been a rough one for Ralph Stewart. But after countless detours, it appears that he's part of the Islander scene for many years to come. Security is a wonderful feeling; and don't think Stewie's not enjoying every single minute of it.



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and was in the group that helped with my contract," said the 5-foot-9½, 167-pound centerman.

A scrappy player as a junior—he had 245 penalty minutes last season—St. Laurent hasn't changed much as a first-year pro either. He challenged Brad Park in an early-season game with the Rangers and then was one of the participants along with Howatt and Nystrom in the six-player brawl with Detroit a few weeks later.

"I got into a lot of fights as a junior and got some misconducts, too, but you can't afford to do that up here," he said. St. Laurent also has proven he can put the puck in the net, getting goals against St. Louis, Detroit, Buffalo and Boston in just the first third of the season, despite missing the first two weeks.

Teammate Denis Potvin, who played against St. Laurent two years ago in the OHA, remembers him well.

"He always seemed to be on your back," said Potvin. "He was pesky. He was strong for his size, a good forechecker and a hard worker. He was the Bobby Clarke type.

"I didn't see him play last year but I was surprised he wasn't drafted sooner. I was happy to see him come to our club."

The 49th player taken in the draft, St. Laurent was the Islanders' third pick behind Potvin and Dave Lewis.

"In junior, he was a goal scorer and that's what we wanted," said Torrey. "He wasn't that tall but he was strong and quick. He could move the puck and he was tough."

Torrey feels the biggest thing Andre needs now is experience.

"Right now he's hanging onto the puck a little too long," said Torrey. "We want him to move it a little faster. He'll get it back because he's got a good, hard shot. The big thing is he's got to play regularly. If he's not going to play regularly here, then he'll play regularly in Fort Worth."

Andre went to training camp in September with an open mind.

"When I signed my contract, they told me I had a chance of playing in the NHL," said St. Laurent. "I went to camp in good shape and then tried to do the best I could."

St. Laurent did just that and was one of the last players cut when the team broke camp in Peterborough, Ont. He was sent to Fort Worth in the Central League but wasn't there long.

"I was there two weeks," he said, just long enough to lead the Wings in scoring.

He immediately noted a big difference between junior and the pros. "Defensively, it was stronger," he noted. "Everyone was bigger, faster and stronger and they checked you closer. You had to pass faster."

The NHL really wasn't a strange world for St. Laurent. Among his junior

teammates two years ago were Rick Martin of Buffalo and Richard Lemieux, Bobby Lalonde and Josh Guevremont of Vancouver. And since his home games were usually played at the Forum on Fridays or Sundays, he usually got to see the Canadiens play at home on Saturday nights.

"I got to know a lot of the players," he said. "That's why it was such a thrill to play against them for the first time and then play in the Forum for the first time as a pro."

Placed on a line with Howatt and Nystrom when he came up, the line was an instant hit, on the ice and with the Coliseum patrons.

"Maybe it helped playing with them," said St. Laurent. "We all knew we were rookies and had to work harder."

Life on Long Island has been different than St. Laurent first imagined.

"When people think of Long Island, they expect it to be like New York City but it's nothing like that," he said. "I really like it here. The people are friendly although it's expensive to live here."

The only time Andre got into the city itself was strictly a business trip—the Islanders' first visit of the season to the Garden to meet the Rangers.

"Right now I'm living alone in a hotel but I'm going to start looking around for a house," said St. Laurent.

From the looks of it, Andre plans to be around a long time.

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A right hand shot center is a rarity in the NHL.

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"I think we fit together fairly well," he says. "We know each other's moves and we communicate with one another. We had a few problems earlier but I think we got them straightened out."

Henning, like most youngsters growing up in Canada, always dreamed of being a professional hockey player. "That's all I ever thought of becoming when I was a kid." At 14 he packed his bags and started out on the path that would eventually bring him to the NHL and the Islanders.

The first step for the Melfort, Sask. product was 300 miles away from home and family. A place called North Battleford. He played a year of Junior B there before moving on to Estevan the following season which was an A level team in the WCHL. He played the next four seasons with Estevan, which changed its name to New Westminster in his last year.

Of course, there was still the matter of schooling while he was getting his education as a hockey player. The junior system that provided him with room and board and "a little spending money" also provided tuition for continuing his academic education.

"During the season I attended the high school at the town where I was staying and when the season was over I'd return

home and continue at the school at Melfort," said Henning, remembering the route a number of NHLers have taken.

Not exactly the best conditions to obtain a diploma for somebody not particularly into the school bit. Henning didn't; but he's working on it now.

"I'm taking a correspondence course and I'm just three subjects shy of getting my diploma," says Lorne. "When I was playing junior I didn't feel school was that important and I did not pay attention in school. I'm sorry about it now. I'd like to go onto college, maybe get a degree in business administration."

Like teammate Dave Lewis, Henning was something of a hotshot high school football player. He quarterbacked Melfort High to the area finals two years in a row.

"I was no Joe Namath," acknowledged Henning with a laugh. He once threw five touchdowns in a game. "We won that game 88-0," he recalled, "we had a high scoring team. I averaged about two touchdowns a game."

His ability with a football was impressive enough for him to receive an invitation to play junior football (the equivalent of junior hockey) with a possible career in that game in the offing.

It's obvious what Lorne's answer was.



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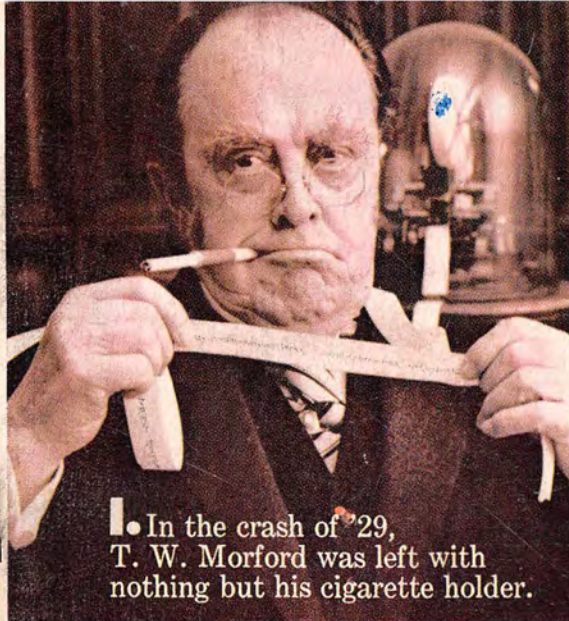
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